WEATHER.

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PRESIDENT PROBABLY TO ADDRESS CONGRESS FIRST OF NEXT WEEK

This is Impression Gained by Senators in Talks With Administration Officials.

THE CABINET AGAIN MEETS

Indicated Mr. Wilson Did Not Make Known His Next Proposed Move Against U-Boats.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE

Situation Still as Serious as Can be, Short of War.

Washington, Feb. 20. — Another cabinet meeting passed today without an announcement concerning the crisis with Germany. High officials said after the meeting that there had been no development of importance, and indicated that the President had not made known his decision as to when his next step would be taken.

Members of the Senate who talked with administration officials during the day gained the impression that arrangements for the President's appearance before Congress probably would be made early next week. Apparently only the President knows just what he will ask of Congress, but it is generally assumed that with the session about to end he will seek authority to deal with any situation which may arise as a result of the unrestricted submarine campaign.

Situation Not Relaxed.

At the State Department it was said that the situation continued to be as serious as it could be short of war. The department received after the cabinet meeting a dispatch from Consul Frost at Queenstown announcing the sinking by shell fire of the Norwegian steamer Dalbeattie, with two native Americans in her crew. The consul said the Dalbeattie stopped at the first shot, but that the submarine continued shelling while the ship was being abandoned and offered no assistance to the crew. After being on the sea in their boats for about 18 hours, the men were rescued.

This is one of a number of instances in which reports to the department tell of violations of neutral rights and endangering or taking of neutral life. All available information about such cases is being assembled for the President.

Secretary Lansing would not discuss the situation with Austria either before or after the cabinet meeting. He would not comment on the aide memoire handed to the Vienna government by Ambassador Penfield asking specifically whether Austria had repudiated her pledges given the United States after the sinking of the Ancona and the Persia.

SAYS REPORTS OF SUGAR SHORTAGE ARE UNFOUNDED

President Babst Says the Supply is Sufficient for Normal Use.

New York, Feb. 20.—Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, issued a statement today urging that "housewives should pay no attention to unfounded stories as to the shortage of sugar" and asserting that there were ample supplies of raw sugar on hand to care for normal consumption.

"This company has been selling large quantities of sugar at a quarter to half a cent a pound below existing market prices," Mr. Babst said, "and is taking care of its normal trade at all points. Its deliveries to the domestic trade are greater than for the same period of 1916. We are operating all our refiners and expect to so continue."

NEW PLAN STARTED FOR PROMOTING U-BOAT WARFARE

Each German Town Would "Adopt" and Maintain One Vessel and Crew.

Copenhagen, Feb. 19, via London, Feb. 20.—The Kiel Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here, announces that a new plan for the promotion of Germany's submarine war is starting throughout Germany. Under the plan it is proposed that the important towns each "adopt" one submarine and its crew, entirely defraying the cost of the upkeep of the vessel and men, supplying them with clothes, provisions and luxuries and paying pensions to disabled men or widows.

Gerard Leaves For Madrid.

Paris, Feb. 20.—James W. Gerard, the former American ambassador to Germany, and Mrs. Gerard left Paris tonight for Madrid. They will proceed from there to Coruna.

WILSON MAY AGAIN BREAK PRECEDENT

Considering Not Calling Special Session of Senate at Beginning of New Term.

CUSTOM OF LONG-STANDING

Such Action Would Likely Further Upset Inauguration Arrangements. Would Eliminate Just Half of Program.

Washington, Feb. 20.—President Wilson is considering breaking another precedent of more than a hundred years standing by not calling the customary special session of the Senate immediately at the beginning of his new term.

Inauguration arrangements, already much upset by the fact that March 4 falls on a Sunday, may be further disarranged by the abandonment of the special session, which in a measure would change entirely the method and ceremonies of inaugurating the vice-president.

The President's purpose, as understood at the Capitol, is to avoid a special session of the Senate unless an extraordinary session of the whole Congress is necessary at the same time. The Senate called in special session, as is the custom to conform appointments of cabinet members, would be powerless to legislate to any purpose alone, but there would be nothing to prevent the body from remaining in session as long as it pleased, and discussing any subject it chose. The understanding at the Capitol today was that such a situation would be avoided if possible.

Cut Ceremony in Half

Abandonment of the special session would do away with the usual ceremony of inaugurating the vice-president in the Senate chamber in the presence of both houses of Congress, the diplomatic corps, the Supreme Court and other dignitaries. It would eliminate exactly one-half of the official ceremony of inauguration day. Vice-President Marshall pointed out today that under the constitution, he could take the oath of office and file notice with the secretary of the Senate any time before March 4, and then if he chose take another oath at the formal ceremonies March 5.

President Wilson has not decided, so far as is known, what he will do about taking an oath of office sometime before the public ceremonies on Monday.

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STEAMER SUNK WITH 2 AMERICANS ABOARD

Norwegian Collier Dalbeattie Sent Down by Shell Fire.

It is Declared That the Vessel Was Shelled While Crew Was Taking to Boats—Consul Frost Cables Report.

London, Feb. 20.—The Norwegian collier Dalbeattie, from Glasgow to Gibraltar, was sunk by shell fire Saturday. Two Americans were on board her. The crew took to the boats. The collier was shelled while the crew was taking to the boats, it is declared.

The Americans on the vessel were John Guerre, of Los Angeles, and Frank Wood, of Keene, N. H. The latter is suffering from bronchitis aggravated by his exposure of 13 hours in the ship's boat.

The Dalbeattie was a vessel of 1,327 tons, built in 1879 at Middlesbrough.

VESSEL STOPPED WHEN THE FIRST SHOT WAS FIRED.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Consul Frost cabled the State Department today that two native Americans were aboard the Dalbeattie when it was sunk by shell fire last Saturday. He said the steamer was unarmed and stopped her engines at the first shot from the submarine, which continued to shell while the crew was abandoning the ship. The dispatch follows:

"Norwegian steamship Dalbeattie, 819 tons coal, Glasgow to Gibraltar, sunk 7 A. M., 17th, by shell fire, 30 miles off Fastnet. Carried neither gun nor wireless. Stopped engines upon first shot but was shelled without pause while abandoning ship. No injuries, no offer aid.

"Weather heavy, swells, light wind, clear sky, boats rescued 1:30 A. M., 18th, after burning flares.

"Two native Americans Frank Wood, John Guerra, of whom former is in hospital at Schull, acute bronchitis, contracted prior to disaster, but aggravated by exposure.

"Am mailing affidavits from master and Guerre."

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY ASKED TO DEFINE U-BOAT ATTITUDE

American Ambassador Penfield Requests Clear and Final Information as to Policy.

DELIVERS AIDE MEMOIRE

Asks if Assurances in the Ancona and Persia Cases Are Changed or Withdrawn.

London, Feb. 20.—Frederic C. Penfield, American ambassador at Vienna, is said by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent to have delivered to the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister a request for a clear and final definition of Austria-Hungary's attitude regarding submarine warfare. The Amsterdam dispatch says that according to a telegram from Vienna, Mr. Penfield handed an aide memoire today to the foreign minister requesting clear and final information as to what standpoint the Austro-Hungarian government has assumed regarding submarine warfare, and whether the assurances given on the occasion of the Ancona and Persia incidents are to be regarded as changed or withdrawn.

The foreign ministry, the dispatch says, will submit the aide memoire to a thorough examination and then make a reply.

Text of Aide Memoire.

Following is the text of the aide memoire as forwarded by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent:

"In note No. 4167, of December 9, 1915, the American government laid down the points of view whereby it regarded the activity of submarines in naval warfare. These points of view were on an earlier occasion clearly expressed to the German government and the United States government was of the opinion that the Austro-Hungarian government was acquainted therewith. The Austro-Hungarian government replied with note No. 5735, of December 14, 1915, wherein it declared it had neither adequate knowledge of the exchange of ideas which had taken place between the United States and Germany nor was of the opinion that even complete knowledge would suffice for judgment in regard to the Ancona incident, as the questions arising from this incident bore a different character.

Previous Assurances Given

"Nevertheless, the Austro-Hungarian foreign ministry declared in note No. 5949 of December 21, 1915: 'As regards the principle set up in the very esteemed note that enemy private ships, provided they do not flee or offer resistance, should not be destroyed before the passengers are placed in safety, the Austro-Hungarian government is in a position to assent in the main to this view of the Washington cabinet.'

"Further, the Austro-Hungarian government on the occasion of the sinking of the steamer Persia in January, 1916, declared that although not informed regarding this incident, it would be guided by the principles whereto it agreed in the Ancona affair, should events prove that responsibility falls on Austria-Hungary in this matter.

"Simultaneously with the communication from the German government on the tenth of January, 1916, the Austro-Hungarian government declared that every merchant ship which for whatever purpose was armed with a gun forfeits by this circumstance alone the character of a peaceful vessel and that in consideration of these circumstances the Austro-Hungarian naval forces had received orders to treat such vessels as warships. In conformity with this declaration ships whereon American citizens were sunk in the Mediterranean, presumably by Austro-Hungarian submarines. Some of these ships, for example, the English steamer Welsh Prince, were torpedoed without warning by a submarine under the Austro-Hungarian flag. The American ambassador at Vienna requested information regarding these cases but thus far has received no reply.

The German Declaration.

"At the same time as the German declaration of January 31, 1917, which described certain portions of the sea off the coasts of the entente countries as exposed to danger from submarines, the Austro-Hungarian government made known that Austria-Hungary and her allies as from February 1 would prevent with all available means shipping within the defined barred area.

"From the foregoing it can be concluded that the assurance given on the occasion of the Ancona case and renewed on the occasion of the discussion of the Persia case is in all material respects the same assurance contained in the note of the German government of May 4, which reads:

Germany's Previous Assurances.

"'In conformity with the general principles of international law concerning the holding up, search and destruction of merchant ships, such ships will not be sunk whether inside or outside the portion of that sea which has been declared a naval war zone without previous warning and without taking such means as are available for saving human lives, unless such ships flee or endeavor to offer resistance;' and that this assurance is more or less altered by the declaration of the Austro-Hungarian government of February 16 and January 31.

"Since the United States government is in doubt regarding the meaning to be attached to these declarations, especially the last, it desires to be finally and clearly informed of the standpoint

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BODY OF THE LATE GENERAL FUNSTON PLACED IN ALAMO

Many People File Through Historic Old Building to View Remains of Dead General.

BRIEF RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Costly Floral Pieces Placed Side by Side With the Simple Tributes of Workmen.

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 20.—A funeral service of military simplicity in which guards at Fort Sam Houston, National Guardsmen at Camp Wilson and thousands of civilians from San Antonio joined, was held this afternoon for the late Major-General Frederick Funston, commander of the Southern Department, whose sudden death occurred last night from a heart affection.

Early tonight the body was placed aboard a special funeral train which left immediately for San Francisco, where the dead commander will be buried in the military cemetery at the Presidio. Captain Fitzhugh Lee, General Funston's aide, a sergeant and nine enlisted men accompanied the body.

The honor paid the dead general here was the placing of his body within the Alamo, the first time that historic structure has been used for such a purpose. While the Nineteenth infantry stood guard near the old stucco doorway, a file of people passed through the building from 5 o'clock until nightfall.

The only religious services held today were at General Funston's official residence at Fort Sam Houston. There Chaplain Barton W. Perry, of the Third field artillery, read the regular army burial service.

"Lead Kindly Light," played by the Nineteenth infantry band, was the sole musical number. A procession formed at the residence after the service, and escorted the body to the Alamo.

General Funston's personal popularity with San Antonio citizens, extended to all classes as was evidenced in the floral offerings, which almost filled the Alamo. Costly floral pieces were side by side with the simple tributes of workmen who, with bowed heads, filed into the building.

The route of the funeral train for more than 1,000 miles will skirt the international border, over which the late commander kept a watchful eye for 11 months past. Sometime tomorrow the train will pass the edge of the Big Bend country, later reaching El Paso and thence proceed along the route taking by the first troops rushed to Columbus after the raid of last March.

The soldiers standing attention over the casket will be relieved every two hours so that a constant guard will be

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SALAZAR SUSPICIOUS OF THE WARREN CHECK

Wants Ransom for Negro and Wife to be Paid in Gold.

The Two Are Still Being Held as Hostages at the Ojitos Ranch—Two Americans Pursued For Five Miles by Mexicans.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 20.—Jose Ynez Salazar refused to accept the check drawn on E. K. Warren & Sons for $5,000, and Ed (Bunk) Spencer, the negro ranch overseer, and his Mexican wife were still being held as hostages at the Ojitos ranch in Mexico, a representative of the Warren interests here said today. Spencer and his wife were made prisoners by Salazar's troops at Ojitos following the raid on the Corner Ranch near Hachita.

Salazar feared the check was part of a scheme to capture one of his men who might attempt to cash it on the American side, it was said, and it was understood he demanded the money in gold. As far as could be learned, Spencer and his wife are safe.

It was also learned that two Americans from Lang's Ranch, on the American side of the border west of the Corner Ranch, were pursued for five miles by Mexican raiders Saturday and escaped by hard riding across the border. They were on the Mexican side when the raiders appeared and were pursued across the line with the raiders firing at them.

INVESTIGATION OF COTTON EXCHANGE SOON TO BEGIN

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Smith, of South Carolina, author of the resolution directing the attorney general to conduct an inquiry into the New York cotton exchange, conferred today with Assistant Attorney General Todd regarding the inquiry. Senator Smith said the investigation would begin soon after March 4 and if it shows the exchange is not operating in restraint of trade, suggestion will be made to Congress regarding legislation to remedy practices which cotton growers contend are disadvantageous to their interests.

ENGLAND SO FAR HAS FELT BUT SLIGHTLY THE EFFECT OF THE U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Number of Ships Sunk Only in Small Proportion to Those Passing Through Safely.

NEUTRALS SUFFERING MOST

Lord Robert Cecil Gives Interview on the Situation to The Associated Press.

London, Feb. 20—"The eastern Atlantic, the North Sea and the Mediterranean are not outlaw waters. Murder may be committed on them, but the attempt to hold up all sea traffic there has not succeeded. It is the task of the western powers and their allies to vindicate once again the freedom of the seas."

This was the reply of Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, to the question of the Associated Press as to whether he could say anything with regard to the effects of the new submarine warfare. Lord Robert Cecil then entered into details, saying:

"So far, it has had very little effect on the entry of supplies to this country, but it has interfered to some extent with trade between neural nations. For instance, as you know, most of the vessels trading from Scandinavia and Holland to and from America put into the United Kingdom by agreement in order to avoid the trouble and danger of visit and search on the high seas. Some of these vessels are reluctant to continue this practice, foolishly, we think, since the danger of putting into a United Kingdom port is not serious, and the practice is very convenient for all parties.

"The German piracy decree is not, indeed, a bluff; it is far too murderous for that. But its terror lies not in anything like wholesale destruction, the actual number of ships sunk bearing a very small proportion to those getting through unscathed, but in its very uncertainty, its erratic strokes.

"However, we are very anxious to meet the wishes of neutrals in this, as in all other matters, even when we do not think they are well founded. We, accordingly, are arranging in certain cases, where we are satisfied the vessel concerned is not trading in the interests of our enemies, that they shall be examined at some other British port, such as Halifax.

"This course does not mean the abandonment of the rights of visit and search, which, obviously, it would be impossible for us to abandon. All it means is that we substitute one form of exercising that right for another, and, in order to make our action quite clear, we are declaring at the same time that vessels trying to run the blockade with goods to or from Germany, directly or indirectly, will expose themselves to condemnation in a prize court. We are adding that if they fail voluntarily to enter a British port for examination

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FOOD PROBE MAY BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Government's Investigation of the Situation Throughout Country to Open in Chicago.

POTATO SHORTAGE SERIOUS

President Miller, of the Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' Association, Says There is No Relief in Sight.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—While a hunger demonstration was taking place in New York today, and Chicago, like the rest of the country, was facing higher prices for table necessaries, it was announced by United States District Attorney Clyne that the Federal government's investigation into the food problem would open in Chicago, probably next week.

The district attorney made his announcement soon after his return from Washington, where he conferred with Frank Dailey, a special assistant attorney general. Much evidence bearing on the situation was said to have been gathered by agents of the Department of Justice and is ready for presentation to the Federal Trade Commission, which has been ordered by President Wilson to conduct an inquiry into the rising prices of food. Some of it was said to have been heard by grand juries.

T. P. Miller, president of the newly organized Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' Association, said today that no relief was in sight and that only diminished consumption could lower prices.

"There are only 750 cars of potatoes in the whole state of Colorado now," said Mr. Miller. "There should be at this season 3,000 cars. Idaho has only 1,200 cars; Oregon 250, and Washington 100, which is about one-third to one-fifth their normal supply. And this supply is being rapidly shipped out. We had 60 cars yesterday, mostly from the West, and we relayed most of the 60 cars as far east as Boston and as far south as Texas.

"Potatoes are retailing at 80 cents a peck in Chicago and are said to be likely to go higher. The reason lies not only in the very short crop of last year, but in the added freight charges involved in bringing them from the Far West. In other years when the crop was short we imported them from Ireland, Belgium, Scotland and Germany. That was, of course, impossible this season.

"Many farmers tempted by high prices have sold their seed potatoes and the result may be decreased acreage this year."

Mr. Miller estimated that the present crop is short 45,000,000 bushels. On top of this came news that frosts have done serious damage to the crops ordinarily ready for market at this time. Onions in Chicago today were selling at 12 cents a pound wholesale, as compared with the normal price of three cents; beans, ordinarily worth $1.75, at $7.25 a bushel, and the ten dollar cabbage of other years is an aristocrat at $150 a ton. Other staples are quoted at proportionate advances.

NEW YORK POLICE CLASH WITH WOMEN FOOD RIOTERS.

New York, Feb. 20.—Following many clashes between the police and women food rioters at the city hall and in congested tenement districts today, Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures, announced that he was doing everything in his power to stimulate the flow of foodstuffs into this city from all parts of the country.

The commissioner believes the situation has reached an acute stage which calls for the establishment by Congress of "some sort of food control commission to meet the per capita consumption of food in the United States." His bureau today announced that 'the abnormal exportation of foodstuffs and the subnormal production are the underlying causes of the advance in prices." It was said, however, that there is "abundant evidence of speculation in canned goods."

So desperate have the women in some parts of the city become, it is said, that hundreds of food peddlers have suspended business. A number who ventured out on the upper East Side today were set upon by a mob of housewives when it was found they were selling onions at 15 cents per pound and potatoes at 9 and 10 cents per pound. The peddlers were driven from the streets into hallways of tenements, where the women tore their clothing and scratched their faces. Meantime, the push carts were demolished and their contents strewn about the streets.

After several hundred women had stormed the city hall in an effort to see the mayor, Mrs. Ida Harris, president of the Mothers' Vigilance League, issued a statement in which she declared it had been decided to keep children away from the schools until the price of food is lowered. This step, Mrs. Harris asserted, was justified on the ground that poorly fed children are in no condition to profit by schooling.

S. Dakota "Dry" Bill Passed.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 20—The senate of the South Dakota legislature today passed an absolutely prohibition bill which now goes to the governor. The bill will put into effect the prohibitory amendment to the state constitution adopted in the last general election and will become operative July 1.

SAYS THE SUBMARINES WILL BRING ON PEACE

"Final Struggle Will be of Greatest Dreadfulness."

Bavarian Prime Minister Says Military Enterprise of Allies Has Already Failed—Nation "In Financial and Economic Chaos."

Berlin, Monday, via Sayville, Feb. 20. —Count George F. von Hertling, Bavarian prime minister and chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the federal council, is quoted by the Overseas News Agency in an interview as follows:

"We hold that the war now must in all circumstances and by all means be brought to a decision. Field Marshal von Hindenburg recently stated that theoretically the war could be continued indefinitely as our losses were considerably smaller than our increases in men, that our frontier walls on the east, west and south were unshakable and that our economic life was continuing as formerly, although on a smaller scale than in peace times, yet in a reliable, safe fashion. Our adversaries, however, can also in the ordinary continue to fight indefinitely, provided they can maintain the importations of war materials across the seas. Therefore, if we wish to bring the war to an end we must cut off these importations.

"The means to accomplish this lies in our submarine navy. Our peace proposal was declined because our enemies did not dare to confess to their people and their allies that all those great promises by which they were induced to enter the war and by which they are holding them together in the war, cannot be kept, and that the entire military enterprise has already failed and the deceived nations, instead of realizing their promised accreations of wealth and territory, now are in a financial and economic chaos. We desire to bring the war to an end because we are shocked by the war's sorrows, our adversaries wish to continue the war because they are terrified by the horrors that peace would bring.

"The war draws nearer its termination. The final struggle will be of the greatest dreadfulness, but it must be fought to the bitter end."

STATE-WIDE GOOD ROADS BONDS BILL BECOMES THE LAW

General City Government Bill Considered at Length; Extension of Limits Brings Contest.

OUSTER MEASURE GETS O. K.

So Does the "Open Formula" Bill for Fertilizers and for Cotton Seed Products.

(BY W. J. MARTIN.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20.—There was passed on final reading today by the Senate and ordered enrolled for ratification the Clark bill for the semi-annual issuance of $400,000 of 4 per cent bonds by the State to cover 5 per cent county bonds for road improvement by whatever counties avail themselves of the co-operation with the State, the county bonds and interest to liquidate the State bonds within 41 years.

There was a lengthy consideration of the Pegram bill this afternoon for providing a general law for organizing and governing cities, towns and incorporated villages. The Brenizer, or committee, bill also was discussed, but left open for fuller individual study. The Pegram bill was considered by sections and minor changes marked and the bill reported favorably. There is to be another hearing Thursday afternoon, when the Brenizer bill will be taken under consideration.

There promises to be a lively scrap over provision of the city government bill that would enable cities to extend corporate limits in an unusual way. The aldermen or commission can order an election on extending limits to take in a specific outlying territory and people of the municipality vote with those in the territory to be taken in and the majority vote decides the annexation. Opponents of the section charge that it would enable any town to take in territory indiscriminately without regard to the wishes of the people in the territories taken in.

Ouster Law Gets O. K.

The House committee on liquor traffic has reported favorably the bill for an ouster law to aid in the enforcement of prohibition laws, an amendment being that five instead of one reputable citizen must file charges against a delinquent officer in the court process of ouster for failure to discharge official duty in law enforcement.

The committee will take final action on the bill to create the office of commissioner of prohibition Thursday night. This involves a special stamp tax of 10 cents on every quart of liquor delivered in the State to maintain the commissioner and deputies of prohibition enforcement.

The agricultural committee tonight reported favorably the "open formula" bill for fertilizers and for cotton seed products that prescribes penalties for delinquencies in the minimum ingredients. Many fertilizer men were here fighting the bill.

SENATE PASSES CROP LIEN BILL URGED BY GOVERNOR

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20. — The Senate received a special message from Governor Bickett today, urging the immediate passage of the bill to modify the crop lien law by limiting profits of time merchants to 10 per cent. over the cash price and allowing a charge of 10 per cent. commission in lieu of 6 per cent. interest where money is supplied.

Senator Person moved immediate consideration of the bill. This was done and the bill finally passed, 33 to 11, without amendment.

Senator Ross wanted Wilson and Nash counties exempted.

Senator Gough spoke in opposition to the bill, insisting that his people are satisfied with the working of the crop lien law. He believed the bill would make the condition of the tenant farmer much harder, besides putting out of business the small time merchant.

Senator McNider advocated the bill as being much needed and having emanated from a most trustworthy source. He was glad to try it out.

Jonas, minority leader, believed so much in the statesmanship and patriotism of the Governor of North Carolina that he was willing to follow him in this matter.

Senator McCoin offered a substitute bill to completely repeal the crop lien law. He wanted the "cancer cut out."

Senators Oates, Brenizer and Turner advocated the bill as one certain to prove a help to the tenant farmer.

The McCoin substitute was lost with only ten votes for it. The original bill then passed.

More University Trustees.

The Senate passed the House bill providing for 20 additional trustees of the University; also, a bill authorizing the condemnation of lands to maintain water supply and designed especially to relieve a situation at the Western hospital for the insane.

There was read a communication from Governor Bickett communicating a report and recommendation from Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman, as to the operation of the Federal child labor inspection law in this State, and urging the passage of a bill Mr. Shipman has prepared and had approved by the Washington authorities so that the State and not the Federal

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PASSAGE OF CROP LIEN BILL URGED

In Special Message Transmitted by Governor Bickett to the Legislature Yesterday.

SAYS SYSTEM IS A CURSE

Not Only to the Tenant, but to the Landlord and the Merchant—"The Boll Weevil of North Carolina"—Bill Explained.

(Special Star Correcpondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20.—Governor Bickett sent a special message today to the General Assembly urging speedy action in the passage of the crop lien bill that the joint committee had just reported favorably and which represents his view of the needs just now. He says:

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

"The crop lien is a curse to the landlord, a curse to the tenant, and a curse to the merchant."

So said a member of the State Board of Agriculture and one of the largest and most successful farmers in the State the other day. In so saying he voiced the registered judgement of the State Department of Agriculture, the Farmers Union, the Farmers Alliance, and the Bureau of Home and Farm Economics. In so saying he verified the declaration in my inaugural address, that "the crop lien is the boll weevil of North Carolina, the pestilence that walketh in darkness, the destruction that wasteth at noon day."

A bill designed to relieve this evil was prepared by the State Council of the Farmers Union and myself and introduced in the Senate by Senator Person and in the House by Representative McRackan. The bill is no half baked measure, but is the result of years of study and a most intimate knowledge of actual conditions. I know the crop lien system at both ends and in the middle, and I know that the bill now before the Senate on a favorable report will ultimately free our harvests from the crop lien's deadly blight and prove a blessing to the landlord, the tenant and the merchant.

Answer to Opposition.

It is urged that the enforcement of this law will be attended with some uncertainty. Probably so. Again, it is urged that the law may work an occasional hardship. This is possible. The processes of healing and adjustment are ever attended with a measure of pain. But the uncertainties and the hardships possible under the bill compared with the burdens of the present system, are as the little finger to the loin.

The bill makes no attempt to fix the cash price at which articles may be sold. This is left entirely to competition and trade conditions. But the bill provides that when the cash price is fixed the merchant, the landlord, the money lender may add ten per cent for time and no more. Is it not enough?

A gentleman said to me, "How about the negro tenants all over Eastern North Carolina?" I answered, "Ten per cent for six months time is enough bonus for a 'nigger' to pay."

A Critic Confounded.

Another critic of the bill said to me, "The cash price does not represent a reasonable profit on the goods sold." I answered, "Then the man who buys on time pays for himself and also for the man who buys for cash." He said, "That is true." Then said I, "the poor farmer puts his toil and his chattels in bond to pay,

1. His own debts.
2. The losses sustained by the merchant on the shiftless and unworthy debtor.
3. The losses sustained by the merchant on sales to the rich for cash."

The critic admitted that this is true. Can the General Assembly permit such an iniquity to continue and expect me to tell the tenant and small farmer that he has a decent chance to better his condition? I tell you, gentlemen, that the order of Egypt's king compelling the children of Israel to make bricks without straw was a study in justice and generosity compared with the artistic cruelty that saddles upon the one honest, industrious tenant his own necessities, and the losses sustained by the merchant in charging the rich too little and the poor too much.

The Administration's Task.

The task this administration has assigned itself is to do for the agricultural development of the State a work that will at least resemble the work done by the beloved Aycock for our education development. I am irrevocably committed and consecrated to the work of securing for the men and women on the farms whose lives have been hard and empty a measure of joy and of hope they have never known. Their faces, pale as picked cotton, are before me always, and as I write I feel the pleading touch of cold, thin hands.

Pass this measure! Pass it just as it is written, and I can go to these little ones and tell them to thank God and take courage. Their lot will still be hard, but not without hope. Deny them this relief, and their most frantic efforts to gain financial freedom will only leave them bruised against an iron door.

Requisition Issued.

Governor Bickett issued today a requisition on the governor of South Carolina for J. W. Morrison, a negro who as worshipful master of Waxhaw lodge of Masons, embezzled the funds of the lodge and fled the State. He has been a fugitive since last June and has just been arrested in Columbia, S. C.

New Corporations.

Charters were issued today for the following new corporations:

The Benson Loan & Insurance Co., of Benson, capital $100,000 authorized and $1,000 subscribed by M. T. Britt, W. H. Slocombe and W. H. Massengill.

The Greenville Realty & Investment Co., of Greenville, Pitt county, capital $50,000 authorized and $2,500 subscribed by Sam Short, W. P. Norcutt and others for a general real estate development and investment business.

The Sesson Motor Supply Co. of High Point, capital $25,000 authorized and $5,000 subscribed by R. H. Baxter, A. H. Sesson and others for a general automobile agency and garage business.

Inspection of Factories.

Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman transmitted to the Legislature today through Governor Bickett a special statement as to the situation in the matter of inspection of factories in connection with the enforcement of the Federal child labor law, urging that a bill which he has prepared with the approval of the authorities at Washington designed to leave the inspections of North Carolina plants to the North Carolina Department of Labor instead of putting in Federal inspectors for the purpose. It is an opportunity, Mr. Shipman declares, for the legislators to show their strength for State's rights and hold the inspection in the State instead of having outside inspectors come in to do this service. He says frankly, in the statement, that he does not fancy the idea of Federal inspection of the North Carolina industries with its possible hurtful influences and agitation, but that it is a condition and not a theory that the State is facing in this matter. He believes the bill that has been evolved will serve amply for a number of years and he now rests the matter with the Legislature, having discharged his duty and being resolved to do no button-holing or other lobbying in the interest of the matter.

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HOUSE TO VOTE ON 'BONE DRY' MEASURE

Impossible to Forecast Outcome of Prohibition Proposal in Postoffice Bill.

"DRY" ADVOCATES DIVIDED

However, Supporters of the Measure Say It Will Pass—Other Amendments of Postoffice Bill to be Voted on.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Senate measure forbidding shipment of liquor into prohibition states, even where state laws authorize such shipments for personal use, will come to a vote in the House tomorrow with both wet and dry advocates divided among themselves as to the expediency of its passage. Those favoring the provision, which was written into the annual postal appropriation bill by the Senate, declare it will pass with votes to spare.

Some prohibition advocates will not support it, however, because they believe so drastic a measure would be difficult of enforcement and would react seriously against the prohibition movement. For the same reason, some representatives who have lined up heretofore against prohibition, are expected to vote in favor of the Senate's proposal.

How extensive these defections will be, or whether they will upset the normal prohibition majority in the House, was not apparent tonight and House leaders professed to be in the dark as to the outcome.

Would Affect Many States.

In addition to making "bone dry" about a score of states which now forbid the manufacture or sale of liquor, but permit its importation for personal use, the Senate amendment would bar liquor advertisements from the mails in states where such advertising is prohibited.

Six Southern states, Virginia, North Carlina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, whose prohibition laws permit the importation of a limited quantity of whiskey, beer or wine, will become "bone dry" if the amendment is adopted. Arkansas is entirely dry now and Tennessee becomes so March 1 by state law. Florida, Louisiana and Texas, local option states, will not be affected.

In agreeing to vote tomorrow, the House did not debate the amendment, but its mention stirred unusual interest and was followed by many conferences among the leaders on both sides.

Chairman Moon, of the Postoffice committee, brought up the issue with a motion that all Senate amendments to the postoffice bill be agreed to and the measure sent to conference. A half dozen members were on their feet immediately, and so vigorous was the objection that Representative Moon withdrew his motion and the House resumed the interrupted army bill debate.

Kitchin's Motion Adopted.

Several hours later, after conferences with Democratic Leader Kitchin and others, the committee chairman presented an amended motion, which was adopted without objection, providing that the House disagree to all but six of the Senate amendments, and that separate votes be taken on these tomorrow. They are, besides the prohibition amendment, proposals to continue pneumatic tube mail service in certain cities; to give traveling allowances to railway postal clerks; to make minor revisions in mail classification; to increase the pay of postal employes, and to authorize establishment of branch offices for distribution of postal supplies.

Representative Moon will open the fight on the prohibition amendment tomorrow with a motion that the House disagree to it. Representative Randall, of California, the only Prohibitionist member, will lead the opposition to this motion and a compromise proposal probably will be submitted, modifying the amendment so that it would apply only to states which have themselves legislated to bar liquor shipments. A long and vigorous debate is expected before a vote is taken.

DOCTORS OF THREE STATES WILL OPEN MEETING TODAY

Tri-State Medical Association Will Convene in Durham.

Durham, N. C., Feb. 20.—The nineteenth annual meeting of the Tri-State Medical Association, representing Virginia and North and South Carolina, will open here tomorrow with Dr. J. Allison Hodges, of Richmond, president of the association, in the chair. The assembly will be addressed by Governor Bickett, of this State; Dr. Stuart McGuire and Dr. R. C. Bryan, of Richmond, and Dr. William S. Bainbridge, of New York.

LITTLE GIRL GUEST ABOARD SUBMARINE

Entertained by Commander Who is Declared to Have Sunk the Liner Lusitania.

MADE EIGHT-DAY VOYAGE

Norwegian Captain, Wife and Child, Taken From Their Steamer When It Was Sunk, Have Some Thrilling Experiences.

Copenhagen, via London, Feb. 20.—Solveig Jacobsen, the six-year-old daughter of a Norwegian ship master, who has arrived here with her parents on the way to Norway, has the distinction of not only being the first child to make a voyage on a German submarine, but of being the guest during the eight-day trip of the submarine commander who is declared to have sunk the Lusitania.

Solveig's father, Isach Jacobsen, was the master of the Norwegian ship Thor II, which was sunk by the submarine. The U-boat towed the ship's boats with the crew of 28 towards land for a while and finally left them to shift for themselves, but the commander retained the master, his wife and child on the submarine while he continued the cruise.

The operations, however, were of short duration, for the next ship encountered proved to be laden with ammunition for France. The submarine was so shaken by the terrific explosion when the steamer was torpedoed, and by an encounter with a British destroyer, which all but sank the U-boat by ramming, that one of its engines was put out of commission, that the commander determined to make for his home harbor for repairs.

The submarine limped homeward along a route west of Ireland and north of the Shetlands, while dodging many British patrol ships and destroyers, finally came into port at Helgoland in fairly good shape, the crew having succeeded in repairing the engine on the voyage.

Captain Jacobsen in describing his experiences, dwelt on the human side of the man who he came to understand was the Lusitania's destroyer, as shown in the treatment of little Solveig. The child was adopted as a sort of mascot on the submarine and was decorated with a bit of ribbon from the commander's iron cross, which he received for an earlier achievement, and made free of the ship.

During the short stay at Helgoland the commander-in-chief of the island called to pay his respects and presented the child with many souvenirs of her visit.

Captain Jacobsen's description of the torpedoing of the ammunition ship shows one of the perils to which submarines are exposed. The submarine had halted the ship, and ignorant of its character, prepared to sink it by gunfire. The first shot attracted a British destroyer, which came at full speed. The submarine hastily submerged, sending a torpedo at the steamer before going under, and an appalling explosion followed.

"We had no time to see what became of the steamer's crew, which were in the boats near the steamer," said the Norwegian. "The submarine was tossed about so convulsively by the force of the explosion that we were all thrown down. The submarine's deck was ripped up and we thought our last hour had come."

The name of the commander of the German submarine which sank the Lusitania has never been officially announced. The latest unofficial announcement of the submarine captain responsible for that ship's destruction, named Captain Max Valentiner, son of the dean of the Sondersburg cathedral.

ENGLAND SO FAR HAS FELT BUT SLIGHTLY THE EFFECT OF THE U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

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they cannot complain if their conduct exposes them to suspicion and, indeed, constitutes a prima facie case that they are engaged in enemy trade.

"This is the meaning of our new proclamation. It will not, I hope and believe, make any practical difference in the present system, which will proceed exactly in the same way it has proceeded hitherto, except that certain ships will be examined at Halifax instead of at Kirkwall.

"In regard to Belgian relief ships, we will not place the slightest obstacle in the way of any agreement whereby they may be able to reach Rotterdam, even should such an arrangement mean a different route from the one they now purpose through the danger zone."

The proclamation referred to by the minister of blockade is a new order in council which will be issued tomorrow, covering the attitude of the British government towards neutral ships.

LESS THAN ONE SHIP OUT OF EVERY HUNDRED IS SUNK

Washington, Feb. 20.—The British embassy issued a statement tonight announcing that Germany's "widely advertised campaign of ruthless murder on the high seas" resulted in the loss of less than one ship in every hundred plying in or out of British ports between February 1 and 14.

"The German wireless press messages," said the statement, "since the German declaration of indiscriminate submarine warfare against merchant shipping within a zone around the United Kingdom and France have been confined to advertising achievements of German submarines.

"Claims to have paralyzed the mercantile activity of the Allies and more particularly that of Britain have appeared together with hints at a vast increase in the number of German submarines so employed.

"During the period in question the following are the figures of ships which have arrived and sailed from ports in the United Kingdom:

"Date, February 1 to February 14:

Arrivals: British 4,653; Allied 227; neutral 497; total, 4,777. Sailings: British, 3,938; Allied 225; neutral 361; total 4,514.

"Daily average between February 1 and February 14:

"Arrivals: British 290; Allied 16; neutral 35; total 341. Sailings: British, 280; Allied 16; neutral 26; total 322.

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"It should be remembered, however, that totals of arrivals and departures do not include fishing vessels, coastwise and local coastwise traffic nor craft of under 100 tons burden. Omitting these and comparing totals of those sunk with the totals of the arrivals and departures it is interesting to note that the widely advertised campaign of ruthless murder on the high seas on which Germany has embarked has resulted in a loss of less than one ship for every 100 which has arrived or left British ports during the two weeks from February 1 to February 14."

WILSON MAY AGAIN BREAK PRECEDENT

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March 5. Secretary Lansing has advised him that it would be proper to take the oath Sunday, March 4, and then take it again at the public ceremony. There were some indications that the President might decide not to take any oath at all until Monday, March 5. That would leave an interval, strictly speaking, during which the country would be without a President, but there is precedent for such action.

Two Precedents.

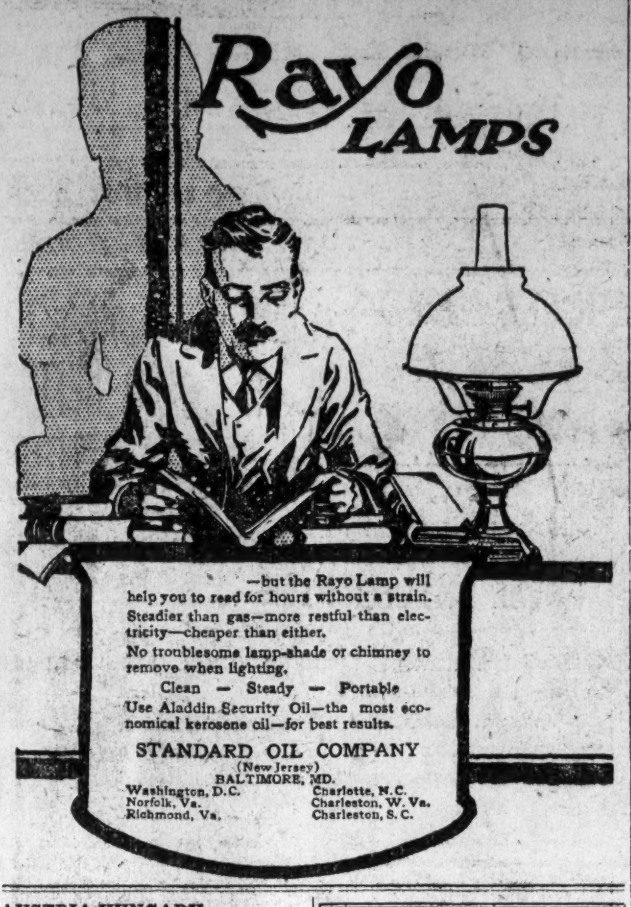
March 4 fell on a Sunday in 1821 when President Monroe entered his second term. On the advice of Chief Justice Marshall, President Monroe took no oath of office until the following Monday. President Taylor followed this precedent at 1849.

There is also precedent for taking the oath prior to March 4. President Hayes took it on March 3, a Saturday, immediately after the announcement of the conclusion of the memorable contest with Tilden.

There was no announcement of President Wilson's plans at the White House today, but among administration leaders at the Capitol it seemed to be understood that unless Mr. Wilson changed his mind there would be no special session of the Senate.

Quite contrary to what has become a general opinion, no special session of the Senate is required by the constitution for confirmation of cabinet appointments, and in fact no confirmation of the cabinet is necessary if all the members remain, as appears now to be the plan. If any new members should be chosen they could be given recess appointments and be presented for confirmation later.

The special session of the Senate is in accordance only with custom of many years standing.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which the Austro-Hungarian government adopts in these circumstances and also whether the assurance given in the Ancona and Persia cases is to be regarded as changed or withdrawn."

The correspondent adds:

"We learn that the material contents of this aide memoire will be submitted to the foreign ministry to an exhaustive examination from the standpoint of international law and will then be answered."

AUSTRIA MOST LIKELY TO STAND BY GERMAN DECREE

Berlin, via London, Feb. 20.—While the official text of the memorandum handed by Ambassador Penfield to the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister is not yet known here, the purpose of the note apparently is well understood. It is authoritatively stated that the dual monarchy is one with Germany in its determination to carry out the unrestricted submarine campaign, in which it is already actively operating in the Mediterranean blockade zone.

It is confidently asserted that Austria-Hungary will not recede in the slightest degree from the position jointly assumed with Germany.

PRESIDENT TO INSIST UPON APPROPRIATION FOR INQUIRY.

Washington, Feb. 20.—One of the measures which President Wilson will insist upon as a part of the program to be completed by Congress before it adjourns is the appropriation of $400,000 requested by the Federal Trade Commission for an inquiry into high prices.

It became known tonight that the President is determined that the commission, which is making the investigation at his request, shall have ample funds for the work. Considerable opposition has developed in the House, and the appropriations committee in reporting the sundry civil bill yesterday, failed to include the $400,000 asked for. It is expected that when the bill comes up for debate the item will be introduced as an amendment.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE

Met at 11 A. M.

Began consideration of bill to enlarge Interstate Commerce Commission from seven to nine members.

Passed espionage and anti-conspiracy bill.

Passed Porto Rican citizenship bill.

Took up administration revenue bill.

Naval committee completed annual naval bill, adding 50 submarines to the building program.

Passed bill to establish government in Danish West Indies.

Recessed at 5:45 P. M. to 8 P. M.

HOUSE

Met at 11 A. M.

Resumed debate on army appropriation bill.

Bill empowering Interstate Commerce Commission to meet car shortage emergencies was favorably reported from committee.

Agreed to vote Wednesday on anti-liquor shipping and other Senate amendments to annual postoffice bill.

Adjourned at 6:15 P. M. to 11 A. M. Wednesday.

DANISH WEST INDIES BILL IS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Washington, Feb. 20.—A bill authorizing the payment of $25,000,000 for the Danish West Indies and empowering the President to set up a temporary government on the islands pending investigation of the needs of the people was passed tonight by the Senate. The House has passed a bill appropriating the $25,000,000 and providing for continuing the existing government in the newly acquired territory, and the measures now go to conference.

AMERICAN LINER ROCKINGHAM IS BOUND FOR "WAR ZONE"

Baltimore, Feb. 20.—The first American steamer to leave this port for the submarine zone since the German warning of February 1 will be the Garland liner Rockingham, which sails tomorrow morning for Liverpool, with general cargo. In her crew of forty men, 24 are citizens of the United States, ten being natives of the Sandwich Islands.

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HOISTING THE CATCH TO THE PIER

A SMALL ANGEL SHARK MEANS A NEW PAIR OF SHOES FOR SISTER OR SWEETHEART

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 20.—Dainty maids with ankles snugly fitted with leopard spotted shark skins is a probability of the near future, if experiments under way by the United States Bureau of Fisheries prove successful. There will also be born another war baby in the form of a new leather industry in which the principal raw product will be shark hides.

Commercial and sport fishermen in Southern California are "tickled both ways" at the prospect. There are thirteen varieties of sharks in the lower breed ex shredt shredtash rdletashrd Pacific, embracing almost every breed except man eaters. They range in size from the small 'angel" to the huge basking shark, which attains the proportions of a medium sized whale. None of the varieties has been useful and all the predatory, eating game fish by the thousands.

Following the announcement by the government bureau, the status of the former pest of the sea is changed. He is now in demand for his skin and oil, and instead of being killed in disgust when caught, is hailed as a useful citizen of the sea.

The oil, leopard, angel and blue shark are the most plentiful in Southern California waters and these are the most valuable commercially. The leopard-skins are prettily mottled and make attractive footwear, belts, gloves and other light leather necessities. The great blue and basking sharks have hides that would make the toughest range steer envious. Shark oil brings about 35 cents a gallon and is said to retain its consistency longer than any other. It is valuable for roofing and similar uses.

A syndicate of Japanese fishermen has been formed to catch sharks for their hides and is operating along the lower coast. It is expected that making profitable the destruction of these destroyers of edible fish will have the effect of considerably reducing their number. Expert anglers declare that tuna, yellowtail and abacore fishing will be greatly improved as a result of the government's pointing the way to utilizing shark skins.

NO BIG BATTLE ON EITHER WAR FRONT

However, in All Theatres, Small Attacks and Counter Attacks Have Been Reported.

BAD WEATHER IN FRANCE

Violent Skirmishes Have Taken Place On the Austro-Italian Front—Two Fishing Schooners Yesterday's Submarine Toll.

Small attacks and counter-attacks mostly by raiding or reconnoitering parties and artillery duels, violent on several sectors of the Italian front, continue in all the war theatres. No where has a big battle been started.

On the front in France bad weather is hindering operations. But nevertheless the British have carried out successfully minor offensives against the Germans near Armentieres and Ypres, while the Germans have raided a British trench south of Le Transloy and repulsed a British thrust near Messines. The British have shelled German trenches in the vicinity of Sailly-Saillisel, LaBassee, Messines and Wytschaete with good effect according to the British war office, while the French guns are declared by Paris to have shattered German positions northwest of Hill 304, on the Verdun sector.

The Russians and the Teutonic allies have met in clashes at several points in Russia, Galicia and Rumania, but neither side obtained any great advantage.

In the Italian theatre the Austrians entered Italian trenches near Casere Zebio Pasforlè through tunnels dug beneath the snow, but, according to Rome, they were driven out in hand to hand fighting. Intense artillery duels are in progress on the Carso plateau and east of Gorizia.

On the Sinai peninsular the British at Bir El Hassna captured in a surprise attack a small Turkish garrison and forced a similar garrison at Nekhl to flee, says a British official communication.

Two Americans were on board the Norwegian steamer Delbeattie when she was sunk Saturday by the shell fire of a German submarine. Neither man was injured. All the crew escaped.

Two fishing schooners, totalling 203 tons, were the only vessels reported Tuesday as having been sunk by submarines.

The American ambassador to Austria-Hungary has handed a note to the foreign minister requesting clear and final information as to the standpoint of Austria-Hungary regarding submarine warfare and whether previous assurances given by that government are to be regarded as changed or withdrawn.

It is announced officially that the British government is to issue a proclamation announcing a change in the attitude of the government towards neutral shipping.

CLASS ATHLETIC CONTESTS TO BE PLACED ON NEW BASIS.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 20.—Athletic contests between the various classes of the university are to be put on a new basis, according to a plan which is now taking form under the direction of Head Coach Campbell and a committee of the student and the athletic councils. It was decided at a recent meeting that a representative should be appointed from each class to serve with this committee, this representative to be a sort of general manager of the athletics of his class. The purpose is to promote keener competition and a greater spirit of rivalry. This rivalry will correct the present condition in which very many men engage in no athletic contests whatever.

SENATE WORKS LATE AT NIGHT ON REVENUE BILL.

Senator Simmons Opens Debate in Favor of the Measure.

Washington, Feb. 20.—To expedite passage by the Senate of the House emergency revenue bill designed to provide about $453,000,000 through additional taxes and bonds to meet the expected Treasury deficit, the Senate worked until a late hour tonight.

Chairman Simmons, of the Finance committee, said in opening debate today that the bill was designed "to put the country in a state of preparedness on land and sea."

Republicans sharply criticised the taxation resorted to and also their exclusion in drafting the measure. Little progress was made at the night session. Senator Penrose insisted upon a quorum and theatre and dinner parties of senators were invaded upon warrants for their arrest before the quorum was secured.

MRS. S. H. BOSWELL DEAD

Beloved Woman of Tabor Dies After Lingering Illness.

(Special Star Telegram).

Tabor, N. C., Feb. 20.—After a lingering sickness of nine months, during which time almost wholly an invalid, Mrs. S. H. Boswell, a sweet, lovable woman, thoroughly Christian in character, died late this afternoon. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. C. C. Pridgen, Mrs. Auty Baldwin, Mrs. S. A. Carmichael; a son, Mr. J. E. Boswell, and her husband, Mr. S. H. Boswell.

MARDI GRAS FESTIVITIES ARE BROUGHT TO A CLOSE

New Orleans, Feb. 20.—The 1917 Mardi Gras festivities ended her tonight with pageants and balls of several carnival organizations. Hundreds of masqueraders thronged the streets from sunrise until sunset and all business houses and markets were closed. Today also marked the close of the 44-day winter meet of the Business Men's Racing Association.

A CHILD'S TONGUE SHOWS IF LIVER OR BOWELS ARE ACTIVE

If cross, feverish, sick, bilious, give fruit laxative at once.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs" that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, Mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember a good "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here, so don't be fooled. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company."

ANOTHER INSPIRING SERMON BY REV. DR. WILLIAM BLACK.

Large Congregation Attended Services at Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

An inspiring sermon by Rev. Dr. William Black, the Presbyterian evangelist, was heard last night at Immanuel church by a large congregation. Taking his text from St. Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you," he showed the folly of pursuing selfish aims. Men are too prone, he explained to seek their own self ends and put religion last while the reverse should be true. The sermon was delivered with great power and effect.

Mr. Andrew Burr, the Gospel singer, who has been with Dr. Black for a number of years, sang a solo and a duet was also sung by him and Dr. Black. The Junior choir was out in full force while the adult choir continues to grow in numbers and is taking a most important part in the services. Mr. E. H. Munson was organist last night.

Dr. Black will preach this morning at 10 o'clock and a special invitation is extended the women to attend this service, which will last only an hour. The service tonight will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. Three cottage prayer meetings will be held this afternoon.

WILMINGTON IS DECORATING IN THE NATIONAL COLORS.

Many Business Houses Have Joined in the Patriotic Movement.

From scores of business houses and residences in Wilmington, the National colors may now be seen floating proudly in the breezes. This has given the city a truly patriotic appearance. A movement inaugurated by the Rotary Club to have as many business houses as possible and all residences that would hang out the colors for Washington's birthday has met with a hearty response.

Every Rotarian at the last meeting of the club promised to do his part, but this is not a Rotary movement. It is a fine way for one to show patriotism. It inspires the young with patriotic thoughts and brings a thrill to older ones, who realize that after all they have a country of which they can well be proud.

B. N. Duke Suffering Breakdown

Durham, N. C., Feb. 20.—Benjamin N. Duke, the local tobacco magnate, said to be suffering from a nervous breakdown, was brought here today from Jacksonville, Fla., in a private car. Mr. Duke, accompanied by Mrs. Duke, was en route to Palm Beach, but on arriving in Jacksonville it was deemed advisable to return here. Members of his family said today that he was "resting easily."

UNIVERSAL SERVICE BILL MAY SOON BE INTRODUCED

Washington, Feb. 20.—The army general staff universal military service and training bill probably will be sent to Congress during the present session, Secretary Baker said today, but he did not indicate what commendation from the department, if any, would accompany it. The staff plan, based on a year's intensive instruction for boys beginning in their nineteenth year, would bring about half a million men of that age to the colors each year. The Senate military bill, already reported to the Senate, would provide six months training for about the same number of men.

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At 65c a pair we show a line of solid white, gray and black gloves in all sizes from 5 1-2 to 8.

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At $1.00, $1.50 and $1.65 the line is composed of the heavier qualities of Kayser silk and a number of high class novelties.

We advise the purchase of at least two pairs for the beginning of the season, as we cannot re-order any of these numbers.

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RANSDELL SOUNDS ALARM

ed in Years is in Danger of Defeat.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20—"The rivers and harbors bill now pending before the Senate," said Senator Ransdell, of Louisiana, "is the most constructive piece of waterway legislation introduced in many years. It eliminates a number of the projects which have been sharply criticized and provides for beginning work on 90 new projects, every one of which is of undoubted merit and importance, and has received the unqualified approval of the army engineers. Moreover, provision is made to prosecute and maintain every worthy waterway project in the land which is already under way.

"Notwithstanding the great merit of this measure, which carries an appropriation of about $39,000,000 for the next fiscal year, a minority report has been filed by Senators Kenyon, Jones, Sherman, Harding and Watson, which proposes to substitute a lump-sum appropriation of $25,000,000 to carry on existing projects, and also authorizes 11 new projects of more or less importance.

"If this substitute is adopted, it will be the hardest blow ever received by rivers and harbors legislation. I earnestly appeal to every friend of waterways to do his utmost to defeat this substitute and secure the adoption of the bill as reported by the majority of the committee on commerce.

"There is great congestion of traffic throughout the Union, and every agency of transportation should be fostered and encouraged to the utmost, not destroyed, or at least badly crippled, as is done by this substitute. The time is short. The emergency is acute. Any action to be effective must be taken at once."

Washington, Feb. 20.—Extraordinarily violent earth shocks were recorded by the seismographs at Georgetown University observatory this afternoon from 2:34 to 3:15 o'clock. The distance was estimated at 1,900 to 2,000 miles from Washington.

DEPUTY RACKLEY RETURNS, AS HEARING IS POSTPONED.

Governor Manning Wants Solicitor Burton to be Present Next Week.

Deputy Sheriff J. J. Rackley who went to Columbia, S. C., last Sunday, for the purpose of getting Governor R. I. Manning to honor a requisition for O. D. Godwin, wanted here for an alleged assault with deadly weapon on Mr. Eugene Harris, returned yesterday without Godwin.

Deputy Rackley, who had intended to get the papers signed in Columbia and then go to Darlington for Godwin, stated that Governor Manning had informed him that Godwin had asked for a hearing before him, and that it would be held either the first or last part of next week, but could not be held before the South Carolina legislature adjourns. Governor Manning also stated that he would like to have New Hanover county represented by Solicitor E. T. Burton at the hearing. He added that the local authorities would be notified later just when the hearing will be held. Deputy Rackley will return for Godwin, but whether Solicitor Burton will go, has not been determined.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

From all that was abnormal, morbid, or spiritually unnatural, Christ was as free as a great artist is from tricks of manner or a great nature from pretension. —MABIE.

How do you get your point of view?

For the love of Mike, Old Sol, come on out and stay awhile!

"Everything comes to him who waits," but it may be everything that he doesn't want.

Old John Barleycorn laughs to himself when legislators think they are playing hide and seek with his niblets.

A Baltimore man was asked to state what he did with that other 10 cents of his salary. Oh, you know who asked him.

Don't worry about the weather. Wilmington winter—February—will get away in about a week. After that we'll have spring weather.

We can't expect the other fellow to have our point of view, but in order to make it unanimous one can jump all over him on account of his obtuseness and obstinacy.

The United States Department of Agriculture urges the production of all sorts of foodstuffs in larger quantities. We are for the stuffs, first, last and all the time.

South Carolina papers are complaining that their legislature hasn't done anything yet. Well, maybe that's a sign that the legislature decided to think this time.

Mercantile paper is quoted in the stock exchange reports at 4 to 4 1-4 but many of the newspaper publishers have been unable to buy their print supply even at that price.

When a man is gay, people say he does not take life seriously enough. When he becomes serious, they say he is studying up a plot of some kind. When he gets grave and peculiar, they call him an old grouch.

Some of the privileges of men are so dear to them that they actually believe them to be liberties. When privileges are taken away from men, they become grouchy at first and later on their patriotic impulses are stupefied.

If you are not a member of the Chamber of Commerce, get busy and join. A campaign to increase the membership to 500 has been commenced and the plan is to add 200 new members to the list. Join and take a hand in building Wilmington.

After trying a man for something or other, an Ohio judge sentenced him to another 12 months at home and ordered him to obey his wife for one year. Of course, there are people who will say that wisdom is personified in the Buckeye judiciary, but why should the judge inflict punishment on a patient woman and leave it all to her to try to manage an Ohio male of the species?

A preacher says the trap is set with the various kinds of bait that will catch every man, just so the particular kind of bait that looks good to each fellow is dangled around on the covered hook. You might set a thousand traps for some old codger and then not catch him, but at last he would walk right into one that is baited with chicken pie, browned beautifully on top and punctured with a fork so the gravy can ooze to the top and make all the pastry taste like the dumplings that fill up the crater of the pie.

The "house that Jack built" may be all right if Jack knows his business, but when you build a house don't have it built by any jack-of-all-trades. People are constantly wasting money with the view of saving money by letting their building contracts to jack-legs. A house or cottage designed for convenience and comfort and properly constructed always is worth the money. We are moved to say this because we have come across so many houses that jack-legs built.

DEVELOPING BLADEN COUNTY.

Nothing so indicates the progressive spirit of the people of Bladen county than the fact that they have determined upon the right course to develop their county. The foundation of rural development is good roads and out of them comes the community progress that sooner or later brings one development right after another.

Nobody who knows can doubt the splendid resources of Bladen county, for there is great wealth in her splendid soil capability and in the marvelous adaptabilities and all the possibilities there are in land and climate and awakened people. The greatest of all American resources are the lands of this great country, adaptable as they are to a certain kind of production here and another somewhere else. Some isolated sections are enviable because of their mineral resources, but few stop to think of the greater resources there are in the lands of such a county as Bladen, the possibilities in which we have but the merest conception.

Lands so versatile in their capability for producing so many various crops of great value constitute a resource that no gold mine or other mineral property can equal year in and year out. The mineral resources of the United States, as great as they are, are a mere bagatelle compared with the farming resources of our truly great country. The national wealth really lies in this country's crop production, so we must realize that there can be no better resources than those in Bladen county's undeveloped lands.

The people are beginning to appreciate this idea of our land resources, hence the confidence in them manifested by the determination of the people to build good roads and go about the country's development in a way which shows that we know what we are doing and are satisfied of the outcome that is sure to follow as the night the day. We have said things about Bladen before and we have said nothing that we do not firmly believe. In fact, we have not said the half that we believe, and the truth about it is that none of us has hardly begun to realize the astounding possibilities of tidal Carolina. We are only beginning to discover the potentiality that sooner or later will be revealed in such splendid sections as that within the confines of Bladen. This is not a prophecy. It is a plain statement of what we know in some particulars and fully believe in a general way.

Adjoining Bladen there is Robeson county, but a "chip off the old block", for the State of Robeson was sliced from the empire that once composed the Bladen county of old. Recently the Lumberton Robesonian chided the great county of Robeson for letting Bladen lead her in good roads development and thereon hangs a tale that is well told by Mr. J. M. Clark, of Elizabethtown, who unfolds it in The Robesonian of February 19. We knew that Bladen had been humping herself here of late, but Mr. Clark opened our eyes to the real significance of the new spirit of the Bladen people.

Mr. Clark reveals the fact that four townships have voted bonds for good roads, Elizabethtown township having recently put over an election for the issuance of $20,000 in bonds. The townships of Bladenboro, Cypress Creek and White Oak had already voted bonds. Bond elections have been called and posted in Turnbull and French's Creek townships, while Lake Creek, Abbottsburg and Hollow townships have petitioned the commissioners for road elections. Besides all this, there is earnest agitation in White's Creek and Brown Marsh townships which do not propose to get left by the progressive townships that already have voted. Really it seems that the whole of Bladen has gone in for modern highways under the township plan of not only building but keeping up good roads. Upon that score Mr. Clark writes The Robesonian:

"The plans under which this money is being and is to be expended have been most carefully worked out, always with an eye single to a permanent and everlasting improvement and a dollar's worth of road for a dollar. Whether she shall be succesful or not remains to be seen, but Bladen has tried not to go wild over the road matter and to profit by the experience of others. One thing that is sure is that what roads are built in Bladen under the plans now being followed will be so maintained as to preserve the investment of public funds therein, or somebody will go to jail. We do not know if it is not a greater crime to expend the public funds in building roads which are allowed to go to waste for lack of attention than it is not to build them at all; and there be many who contend that such has been the case in lots of counties—yes, even in Robeson."

This puts us next to what Bladen is doing and it is a matter of tremendous importance, since it all denotes the progressive spirit of the people and is a sure indication of the material development that makes for prosperous and happy communities of people. The finest section on earth would have no attraction for home seekers unless they were sure that their neighbors are as progressive as they are good. A good and progressive people and a good country make the strongest kind of combination. A good people and a good country certaintly deserve good roads.

We can see ahead the magnificent development that is in store for this incomparable section of North Carolina. All hail the day!

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BEWARE OF THE HOME COMING WEEK

"Home Coming Weeks" are all right if things in the old home county and its town are different from what they were when those who left went somewhere else to look for opportunities that were once barred out by a lack of thrift and progress by the venerable mossbackism of ancient days. Unless things have changed and there is vibrant progress to be noticed by the home comers who take a notion to come, better not do anything to induce them to come back. They might look round about and rejoice that they had been wise enough to vamoose the ranch in the days when it had the appearance of a Hopi cemetery.

Years ago when the boys left home they had the best of reasons for it. Of course, we want to look upon their faces again but they don't want to come back and look again upon that old worm fence and again behold the razor backs and "ole mooley" who could furnish shaggy hair enough to upholster the inside equipment of a flivver. The same old roads, the same old melancholy steer, the same old piney woods rooters, the same old cross-roads school house, the same old white side from far out west, the same old farming, and the same old one-crop ideas that have kept the country 100 years behind the other parts of the country whose progress has attracted the best red blood of the decadent regions from which they fled.

Maybe it's a good idea to have homecoming weeks so the prodigal sons can return, and then again if the boys have gone away and gotten new ideas it might be good for them to return after many days and tell the tale of progress of the country of their adoption. However, if they are going to get into a dispute about their new fangled ideas and bump into the fossilized ideas that still prevail in some communities, they will wish they had stayed away.

Don't have any home coming week because it is a fad. Unless home comers are to be astounded with the new air of progress that perhaps is prevalent, they will wish they had stayed somewhere. Otherwise, they will go back sorrowing and wondering how the old folks have stayed in the same old rut and are still ready to insist that it looks good to them.

Ancient landmarks may reserve to remind home comers of their boyhood days, but unless the conditions have changed they will be glad when they take the train to go and stay way off where people are different. There's another thing about it, and that is unless the people around in the old country shed the moss off their backs, the balance of the boys are going to get their clothes and go.

Home coming weeks' won't do a bit of good, except in a social way, for unless there has been progress and then some, the home comers will go back and tell others that they have been back home and found out that the people are still a thousand years behind the times and still refuse to believe that the dodo is extinct. A home comer is a stranger in a strange land in which there are no echoes of modern progress.

Let us first prepare Eastern North Carolina for the home comers and the new comers so they will be glad to come and see and stay. We must keep the boys at home so they won't go off to be invited back during a home coming week. Progress will keep the boys at home. Opportunities will keep them from going away.

ARE YOU A BUMP ON A LOG?

Did you ever see a bump on a log? It is part of the log but not an important part, as you will observe by looking on at a saw mill. When a log is thrown on the saw carriage, it is good night with the bumps and the slab sides of the log. The log is squared and the real value comes forth in manufactured lumber. The bumps show up while a log is a stick of timber, but they see their finish when the band saw swishes along the outer edge and begins to get down to the lumber value.

Of course, none of us likes to be regarded as a mere bump on a log, but a real city builder has declared that one thing the matter with the development of many a city is that ti has too many bumps on a log—community bumps that are a part of it but not much of a part when something is to be made of the community. When a city is finally made into something, the bumps disappear and are not a real part of the constructive element of a city.

Maybe there are no bumps on a log in Wilmington, so's we'd notice it, but there is a way of finding out. The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce has hit upon a plan that will soon disclosed whether any of us are mere bumps on a log. The committee wants every live man in Wilmington, young and old to join the Chamber of Commerce and become a constructive force in the upbuilding of Wilmington. The committee wants to give us a chance to show how much ice we cut in this thing of making Wilmington a live, progressive and growing city. The livewires of the committee have decided that Wilmington shall not "lag superfluous on the stage," and, therefore it has entered upon a campaign that will disclose any and every laggard in Wilmington.

That is to be done by means of a snappy campaign to add 200 new members to the Chamber of Commerce, so as to increase its membership to 500. It ought to be 1,000, but 500 is better than 300. Every Wilmingtonian ought to sympathize with the earnest purpose of the committee and encourage it by cooperating heartily in the movement. Those who are members can do their part, while those who are not can be live recruits in a good cause for Wilmington.

The campaigners will give all of us a chance to prove that we are not mere bumps on a log in Wilmington. There are in this community strong elements that should become an active force in the developent of Wilmington. The purpose is to get this force mobilized and energized. Every other city is mobilizing and Wilmingtonians cannot afford to neglect a duty that they owe to themselves as well as to their city.

Wilmington is our city because we are in it, but we ought not to be parasites in any community in which we live or hope to live. We can live better and to better purpose by getting in touch with the live forces of the community.

WHO WANTS A FREE FERRY?

To the Editor of The Star:

While the ferry subject is being agitated, will somebody please explain who it is that is demanding a free ferry? Who would attempt to place this burden upon the backs of the toiling masses? Are not taxes high enough? The city of Wilmington, with a tax rate of more than $3.00 on the $100.00 of property (which includes State and county rate) does not now present a very inciting prospect to outside capital to come here and establish manufacturing enterprises, or any kind of industry. Manufacturers are shying now at our high tax rate, but in the face of this fact there seems to be some folks who are willing to have the tax rate increased and the burden of taxation made heavier, regardless of consequences.

It is simply ridiculous to think of New Hanover county undertaking to put in operation a free ferry. All the ferries in the great city of New York are toll ferries, and they are owned and operated by the city. The people of New York who use the ferries pay the freight. Baltimore operates a ferry, and those who use the ferry pay for the service. The ferry in Philadelphia is a toll ferry ,and you cannot ride free between Norfolk and Portsmouth on any of the ferries that play between those two cities.

Who then would demand a free ferry at Market street, and thereby place upon the shoulders of the toiling masses an extra burden of taxes, simply to make it possible for a few people who own automobiles to have smooth sailing across Eagle Island, and to perhaps open up Brunswick county for a few large land owners? Taxes are high enough in Wilmington, without the city or county taking on an unnecessary burden.

If New York and Baltimore cannot afford to operate a free ferry, certainly Wilmington should not attempt it. It may be possible to follow the suggestion of "Economical Taxpayer," and convert the fire-boat into a ferry boat. But whatever is done, a small toll should be exacted in order to keep expenses down and to eliminate abuses which would follow the operation of a free ferry.

Please do not increase our taxes.

TAX PAYER.

BLOCKADING THE NEUTRALS.

(New York Times.)

If Germany has taken into account all the probable results of her course as fully as is indicated by the reports, she must have calculated upon a result which, though not apparent at first glance, is reasonably sure. That is that if the United States is forced into the war, and if Germany's war zone is as effective as she expects it to be, she will have automatically blockaded the European neutrals.

Granting that she can succeed in cutting off the United States from England she will also, if we enter the war, cut the United States off from Holland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark and Spain. If we become her enemy, she will attack our ships wherever she can find them and will impartially cut off our trade from every country in Europe. What will be the effect of that severance upon our commercial course?

The effect will be that we shall strain every nerve to deliver our goods to Great Britain, France and Italy, which will be fighting our adversary. We shall do that merely as a matter of military policy, if for no other reason. The neutrals will be the chief sufferers by the effectiveness of Germany's deadline. At present Germany undoubtedly gets a good deal of what we may export to them, notwithstanding the agreements by which they are restrained from delivering such goods to her. There is a thriving trade in smuggled goods across the frontiers. When the neutrals are blockaded from us as well as from England, nothing will be smuggled. The "starvation" of Germany will be accelerated rather than retarded.

CURRENT COMMENT.

No better answer has yet been made to any proposal to abolish the death penalty than that of Alphonse Karr, editor of the Paris Figaro, 1837. He was opposed to taking a human life; but, he suggested, "let the assassins begin." The right way to make an end of executions in this State would be for first degree murderers to discontinue their homicides.—Philadelphia Record.

The Jacksonville Times-Union declares that the proposition for a United States of the Wold, made by Dr. Dabney, of Cincinnati, "might secure the peace of the world, but it would certainly destroy" its liberties." Well, isn't that what your average pacifist wants? Did you ever know a prolonged period of peace that was not followed by the activities of a lot of busybodies for the destruction of popular liberties?—Chattanooga Times.

Away back in the remote fastnesses of some mountain cove, or far down in the forests and impenetrable swamps of the extreme east, it is possible that an investigator might find a "doctor" who had practiced for 20-odd years, but who has never read a book on medicine. What would North Carolina think of putting one of these "doctors" at the head of the State Board of Health? The other day a prison official went before a legislative committee and swore that, although he has been in prison work for more than 20 years, he has never read a work on criminology. This man is not the jailer of some county on the other side of the Blue Ridge in the Back of Beyond, nor does he come from a community of sand-dunes and swamps, cut off from all communication with the rest of the world except by boat. He is not the last relic of a disappearing regime; he is almost at the top of the profession. He is the warden of the State penitentiary. In that statement alone is evidence enough to damn the North Carolina penal system beyond hope of redemption in the eyes of progressive states.—Greensboro News.

A NEW SUFFRAGE PROBLEM

Will Congress Take Ballot From Women of Danish West Indies?

The purchase of the Danish West Indies gives a new suffrage problem to congress because the women of the islands now possess rights of suffrage equal to those of men.

When the subject of Danish West Indian legislation comes before congress officers of the National American Woman Suffrage association will urge the retention of the rights now possessed by the women of the islands.

The women of Denmark enjoy full suffrage. The parliament granted them municipal suffrage first and after a few years extended full suffrage to them.

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CUTTING OF TAX RATE IN HALF IS FAVORED

Advantages of Changing Assessment Methods is Pointed Out.

New Hanover Citizens Suggest County Rate Could be Halved by Making Assessments According to Actual Values.

While the tax rate in New Hanover county is high when compared with the rates in counties and cities in the Northern states, most Northerners would regard the assessed valuation of real property here as low.

In view of the fact that practically all land in this and other counties of the State is assessed at about one-half its actual value, many local citizens are of the opinion that the tax rate could be cut in half by requiring that all real property be assessed at actual cash value. This is the present law on the subject as every assessor must take an oath to assess such property at actual value. As a means of arriving at some definite standard for determining the cash value of realty, it is suggested that when such property is transferred, the actual consideration which passed in the sale of the property shall be stated.

Real property, not only in New Hanover, but in practically every other county of the State, on the average is assessed at only one-half its actual value. Some, of course, is assessed at more than one-half actual value, but there is enough below even half value assessment to make up the average stated.

In this connection, it is pointed out that under present conditions, with the State rate fixed, no county can afford to double its property assessments unless all the other counties in the State do likewise, because if it did, it would have to pay the same rate to the State as at present on a doubled valuation of property. If all counties base their assessments on actual values, the State could also half its tax rate.

A high tax rate is generally regarded as due to an unbusinesslike conduct of government or extravagance on the part of those in charge of same. This is not necessarily true, but the fact that a given locality has a high tax rate undoubtedly deters manufacturers and others from coming to such a community. They do not stop to think, it is pointed out, that the assessed valuation of property is ridiculously low, and thus more than makes up for the higher rate of tax made necessary by the low valuations.

The advantage of assessing property at its actual value in North Carolina may be readily grasped when it is understood that this advertises the State as being worth double in property what it is now, and also as having a low tax rate. If a manufacturer in looking around for a site for his factory finds that the tax rate is high in a given community, he is most likely to shun that community on the ground that he can't stand such a rate of taxation on his business.

Unless the State tax rate is also halved, if all the counties should double their assessed valuation of property, the State rate being fixed, the returns to the State Treasury would be double the amount they are now, and the State does not need the additional money, it is said. The assessments throughout the State are now supposed to be around half the value of the realty and equalized throughout the State. Just to what extent inequalities exist in the assessment of realty it would be difficult to state. But with a definite standard or basis of making such assessments, it is believed, these inequalities and injustices would be done away with to a large extent.

As it stands now, this county cannot afford to pay double its proportion to the State as compared with other counties in North Carolina, which it would have to do if property were assessed at actual value, unless State, county and city rates were cut in half at the same time.

MR. AND MRS. HOWARD AND PARTY TOURING FLORIDA

Have Had Pleasant Trip Through South in Mrs. Howard's Handsome Car

Wires received by friends in the city yesterday from Mrs. James Howard, who with Mr. Howard, Mrs. Percy Wells and Miss Elizabeth Sweeney, has been touring Florida in Mrs. Howard's Hudson super-six sedan, advised that the party left Jacksonville Monday on the return trip to Wilmington and expect to arrive home the latter part of the week.

Upon completion of the return lap of the trip Mrs. Howard will have driven her car a total of more than eleven hundred miles, from Wilmington to Deland, Florida, and return, not including many side trips to the various south Florida resort centers. Leaving Wilmington the first of February, the party encountered the heavy rains of the first week of this month and the following week were in the throes of the coldest snap of the entire winter. Mrs. Howard writes that their worst difficulties on the going trip were encountered through Georgia in the vicinity of Macon, the heavy rains having badly damaged the highways and the freezing temperature which followed having made some sections of the roads almost impassible. However, soon after crossing the line into Florida the splendid paved roads of that state afforded the party an enjoyable trip all through the state and down to the resort cities of the east coast.

MR. JOHN A. MARTIN DEAD.

Former Member of Wilmington Police Force Passed Away at Home.

Many friends in Wilmington will regret to learn of the death of Mr. John A. Martin, a former popular member of the city police force, which occurred Monday night at his home on the Cape Fear river near the Carolina fish factory, where he had been living for the last several years. The funeral will be held at the home this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and interment will be in the family burying ground near the old home place.

Mr. Martin was 47 years old. He was highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends and was a most excellent citizen. He was a consistent member of the First Baptist church, this city. Surviving him is his mother, Mrs. E. H. Harker.

TO ADDRESS COMMITTEEMEN

Prof. T. E. Browne, of A. & M., Will Speak to Schoolmen at County Court House and Masonboro

The regular monthly meeting of the County School Committeemen's Association, which will be held at the county court house at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, will be featured by an address by Prof. T. E. Browne, of the Agricultural Extension Department of A. & M. College.

Prof. Washington Catlett, secretary of the association, sent out notices yesterday to all the committeemen urging the importance of their attending this meeting, at which Professor Browne will outline various features of club work among boys and girls in connection with the model or demonstration gardens which are to be established this spring at each of the rural schools of the county.

Professor Browne, who will also deliver an address at a community meeting at the Masonboro school Friday night, has written Professor Catlett that he will come to Wilmington on the 23rd for the purpose of assisting the local school authorities in any way they may desire towards encouraging the teaching of agriculture in the rural schools and the formation of canning, corn and potato clubs. The present State law requires that these subjects be taught in the public rural schools, and Professor Browne points out that it is important that they be taught in accordance with the most approved and successful methods.

ALL RED MEN REQUESTED TO WEAR FLAGS ON HOLIDAY.

Washington's Birthday Should be Observed Fittingly by Every Paleface.

In order that the spirit of the fraternity may be fittingly shown, every member of Eyota Tribe, No. 5, Improved Order of Red Men, has been requested to wear a miniature American flag tomorrow in observance of Washington's birthday. The following statement given to the local press yesterday sets forth very cogently the many good reasons why every Red Man should take pride in honoring Washington:

"The Improved Order of Red Men was conceived in the thoughts of American liberty, was born in the throes of a mighty revolution and nursed in the lap of a struggling mother, seeking to set up and maintain the highest ideals of human freedom. The creature of a heroic age, the patron of freedom, friendship and charity, it has no allied itself with the purest, truest and best there is in American system that it has become a potential part and parcel of a great republic, so attached to its principles and interests, so inseparably associated with its history, so thoroughly imbued with its spirit and so jealous of its high and holy purpose that it has come to be called the great American fraternity.

"Thus endowed with patriotic sentiment and loyalty to our American institutions we instinctively turn in thoughts of admiration to that matchless soldier and wise statesman whose valor won our liberty and whose unselfish wisdom laid deep and strong the foundation upon which the superstructure of our republic is builded.

"On the 22nd of February, Thursday, every loyal and liberty-loving American citizen will pause for a time at least to contemplate the magnificent gifts of liberty, peace and happiness, the proud legacy of a people that comes to him and all his followers through the rich achievements of 'the father of his country.'

"It would be most becoming of every branch of the Improved Order of Red Men upon the natal day of him who was 'first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen,' to commemorate this event and to further promote the cause for which he stood.

"'In honor of George Washington let every Red Man wear the flag of our country, the emblem of our constitution, and let every paleface know that Red Menship cherishes the spirit that made him noble and inoculate lessons of purest patriotism.

"'Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house'."

NEGRO FOUND GUILTY OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS

Recorder Harriss Imposes Fine on Troy Jackson—Other Cases.

Troy Jackson, colored, who was first alleged to have stolen a pair of shoes from George R. French & Sons and later charged with stealing from the Atlantic Coast Line, had both charges marked off the docket by Recorder Harriss yesterday. A charge of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to have been stolen, was substituted. Jackson was convicted of the latter charge and forced to pay a fine of $25 and the costs. The shoes were taken from a consignment to the local concern which came over the Coast Line.

The trial of Monk Moore, Mack Lofton and C. Lofton, three negroes, charged with the larceny of two bronze ornaments from Mr. Pembroke Jones' country home on Wrightsville Sound was continued until Friday. A number of other cases were continued until today. Prayer for judgment was continued for 12 months in the case against Lizzie Simmons, charged with vagrancy.

TO ESTABLISH NEW BUOY

Obstruction Buoy 7-A in the Cape Fear Will be Renumbered 9.

The weekly notice to mariners of the issue of February 10 says that "about February 10, 1917, shoal buoy 7-A, a second class can, will be established in the Cape Fear river, in 24 feet of water, at the edge of shoaler water, on the following bearings: New Channel Range Rear Light, 127 degrees; Bald Head Lighthouse, 155 degrees; Fort Caswell Tower, 291 degrees. In the vicinity of this buoy deep draft vessels should keep about 200 yards northeastward of the Fort Caswell Range. Obstruction buoy 7-A will be renumbered 9."

SPECIAL BIBLE INSTRUCTION.

Rev. John R. Matthews Will Conduct Services at St. Paul's Church.

Rev. John R. Matthews, of Barnesville, Ohio, who is conducting a mission this week at the church of the Good Shepherd, will give Bible instruction each afternoon this week, including Saturday, at 5 o'clock at St. Paul's Episcopal church. Mr. Matthews is an able Bible student and his lectures should be of much interest to all members of the church and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

INTEREST IS INCREASING

Rev. John R. Matthews Preached Inspiring Sermon at Church of Good Shepherd Last Night.

Interest is increasing in the mission or series of services that are being conducted by Rev. John R. Matthews at the Church of the Good Shepherd. A large congregation attended the service last night. Rev. W. R. Noe, the rector, announced that two services would be held today, one at 11 A. M. and the other at 8 P. M.

Speaking from St. Luke 2:28-30, Mr. Matthews preached a stirring sermon last night. He said in part:

"Note how a mother loves her first child. Many photographs of it are seen on the wall. Not so numerous are the photographs of the subsequent children. Yet she loves them none the less. Only the first one opened up a new affection and thereby produced a greater impression upon her motherly love. Here is the greatest child that was ever born. What an impression it has made, not only upon the affections of His mother, but upon His martyrs and all His devotees. His entrance into the world has changed the calendar from A. U. C. to A. D. Characters are gathered around Him, and their interests are various in regard to His advent and reception.

"The intellectual reception as seen by the Wise Men. This is the hardest process to find Him; namely, a process of the brain.

"Simple reception of Jesus as seen by the Shepherds! This is the process of revelation. His birth was revealed by the angels and the shepherds simply believed and saw and rejoiced and glorified God. It may have taken the Wise Men years and years by the process of intellect to get to the Christ, whereas the shepherds only required some minutes to arrive by revelation to the same place. The Gospel of Jesus is simple, because the majority of mankind is more poor than rich, and unlearned than highly intelligent. I came, says Christ, to preach the gospel to the poor. And so He has a simple gospel to reach them.

"The motherly reception of Jesus as seen by the blessed Virgin. She is no different than other women in her nature, for she speaks, in the Magnificat, of God as her Savior, and of her own nature as being of a low estate. Although in nature no different, yet in blessings more favored. She is God's ideal woman. So different from the world's ideal. The highest ideal for any woman to attain is that God could choose her to be fit to be the mother of His Son. Five examples of such a woman can be seen in the blessed Virgin.

"She was pure and thus had the highest ideal of honor. No man, she confessed, had ever intruded on her morals. She was unworldly. A mother is so seen in her child that it would have been dreadful, if our Lord had had the world's way of being brought up by a society woman.

"She was religious and devout. She claimed God as her personal Savior. All mothers should know God personally to teach their children His ways. She loved God's house. After her son's birth she brings Him into the temple to give thanks and to offer Him to the Lord. She brought her son up to go to the Synagogue every Sabbath. Most people now neglect God's house and bring their children up to break instead of to keep the Sabbath. Such women God would not choose to be the mother of His Son.

"The inimical reception of Jesus, as seen by Herod. This man is so true to history in regard to his murderous nature. He caused his wife, Mariamne, and his two boys to be put to death in his jealous rage. He is just such a man as would decree all male children in Bethlehem to be put to death, so as to have Jesus murdered. There are now not these bloody Herods, as bloodless ones, such as Unitarians, New Thought people and all who try to eliminate the thought of the pre-existence of Jesus before His human birth. The angel said, 'Unto you is born—not a Savior to be Christ, like modern Christs by personal merit, but is Christ. New ideas make Christs. This Jesus was born Christ. The other bloodless Herod is the cynic who tries to eliminate the Christ life from its devotees; who always decry His churches and substitute other nostrums for the real truth which is another way of poisoning Christian life. The other Herod never did a worse crime in God's sight than when he imprisoned God's messenger and message.

"The worldly reception of Jesus. There was no room for Him in the inn. Much like the world's treatment of its great personages. The world is too much after money, business, and pleasure to take notice of Christ's presence, yet He is knocking outside every worldly heart trying to get in. This mission is a special reminder that He is still waiting and that you have the key of the will that unlocks the door of your heart for His admission, or your refusal. Men and women who have no room for Him here will find that He has no room for them up there, when they shall say, Lord, Lord, open to us.

"Witnessing reception, as seen by Anna. She spoke of Him to all who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. Christians must point others to Christ as this good woman did by their life and testimony.

"Dying reception of Jesus, as seen by Simeon. This man loved God's people and His temple and now with the child in his arms, he is satisfied and prepared for death. We must embrace our Lord in the arms of our faith, if we expect to think of His as our salvation."

ALLEGES FALSE ARREST.

Mr. A. Fred DeVere Seeks to Recover Damage from Mr. J. M. Satchwell.

A hard fought case that promises many interesting features is scheduled for trial before Recorder George Harriss this afternoon at 3 o'clock, this being on the civil side of the docket. Mr. A. Fred DeVere, a sign painter, is seeking to recover $250 alleged actual damages and $250 alleged punitive damages from Mr. J. M. Satchwell, proprietor of the Southern Sign Shop, for alleged malicious prosecution.

The plaintiff was indicted by the defendant in the civil action on a charge of embezzlement, the action growing out of a contract between the two parties. After a hearing before Justice McGowan, the case was sent over to Superior court for trial, where Mr. DeVere was acquitted.

Woodus Kellum and J. C. King, Esqs., will appear for the plaintiff this afternoon, while George Peschau and J. A. McNorton, Esqs., are attorneys for the defendant.

TO HOLD BANQUET TOMORROW

More Than 100 Federal Employes Expected to Attend Annual Meeting. New Officers to be Elected.

Final preparations are being made for the banquet and second annual meeting of the Federal Employes of the Eastern District of North Carolina, which will be held in Wilmington on Washington's birthday. The business proceedings of the meeting will begin at 10 A. M. in the lodge room of the Elks' Temple. Among the important features of the meeting will be the election of new officers for ensuing year.

President H. M. McLarin, of the Federal Employes' Union of Washington, D. C., will be a guest of honor at the banquet, and it is also planned to have addresses by a number of other prominent speakers. President McLarin arrived in Wilmington last Sunday for a tour of the district and is now in New Bern, but will return to this city on the 22nd in time to attend the banquet, at which it is proposed to work up enough interest to secure a large number of members. From the number of letters from members of the union received the indications are that there will be fully 100 members in attendance at the annual meeting.

Members of the union in Wilmington have just received copies of the latest issue of the "Federal Employe", the magazine which the national organization publishes at Washington and which contains an interesting article by President H. H. Ford, of the local district union, in which he lays stress on the work the various State Unions can accomplish towards bettering conditions in the service. It reads in part as follows:

"It would startle a majority of the reading public to know what the total number of Federal employes is in their section. Take the section of Eastern North Carolina, for example. The number employed in the postoffices, the railway mail service, the customs service; the masters, engineers, clerks, civil engineers, etc., in the rivers and harbors service—would easily run up to 600 from what I have been informed—and I believe would sometimes be more. In other sections, where navy yards, arsenals, etc., are located, the number would be quadrupled. These are worthy of serious thought.

"One thing, the State organizations should endeavor to persuade their leading dailies to the opinion that the legislation we are seeking is just and merited—whether it be for increase of pay, retirement, or what not. From a psychological standpoint the average member of the House of Representatives or of the United States Senate pays but little attention to the articles and editorials of the Washington dailies, for this reason: He says, 'Well, those fellows depend on the government clerks for their patronage, so they're looking at it from the side their bread is buttered on'."

PICTURES OF FLAG ARE PAINTED ON THE BOXES

Package of Merchandise From Across the Atlantic is Decorated

That the manufacturers in Europe have great respect for the American flag for protecting their shipments from seizure is indicated by a large box of novelties received yesterday by Messrs. S. & B. Solomon from across the Atlantic. This box of merchandise was consigned direct to the Wilmington merchants from Rotterdam. On each side of the box is placed a large poster on which are two American flags and beneath them the words, "American property."

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Wilmington Company of Engineers Given High Praise For Service on Border—To Come Home Soon.

A letter recently received in the city quotes the instructor for the United States Army in charge of the engineer companies on the border as saying that Company A, of Wilmington, composed the most efficient unit of its class now engaged in the border service.

As the War Department has already issued orders for all the National Guard now on the Mexican border to be sent to their home stations as soon as possible, preparations are already being made to give the Wilmington boys a warm welcome home. It has been suggested that each member of the unit should be presented with a service medal of bronze to be purchased with a fund to be raised by popular subscription. A movement to this end has already been inaugurated in Charlotte, which has the only other engineering company from this State.

It will be necessary to provide an armory for the company upon its return home and it has been suggested that the Boys' Brigade Armory be secured as the permanent headquarters for the organization. The local company has several carloads of equipment including practically every implement used by engineers in the field. This will be used in weekly drills by the company.

The Second Regiment, of which Col. John VanB. Metts is commanding officer, will entrain early in March and will be mustered out at some point in this State a few days later. It has been suggested that Wilmington might be chosen as the point for mustering out and efforts have been started to this end.

In the First Regiment are a large number of Wilmington men and it is not unlikely that all of these will be transferred to the Raeford company and this company transferred to Wilmington, so that this city would then have three units of the National Guard.

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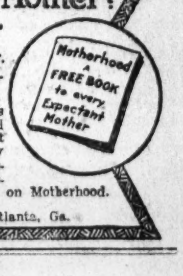

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. L. F. Hamrick, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting the home of her sister, Mrs. F. G. Cover.

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Mrs. M. J. Carson and little son, Master M. J., Jr., left yesterday for Fayetteville, where they will spend a few days.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Boyd, of Monroe, returned to their home yesterday morning after a pleasant stay in the city with friends and relatives.

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The religious work committee of the Y. W. C. A. will meet this evening at 6:15 o'clock at the association building. All members of the committee are asked to be present.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Mrs. James H. Pou and niece, Miss Annie Worth, of Wilmington, have gone to Baltimore for a visit of several days."

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The Junior Epworth League of Fifth Avenue Methodist church will hold a social meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the lecture room of the church. Miss Ida Hankins, a returned missionary from Korea, will make an address. All leaguers and their friends are urged to attend.

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All members of the Rebekah Degree team are requested to attend the regular meeting Thursday night. Those attending are requested to wear tacky costumes as prizes will be awarded for the two most ridiculous. There will be an "initiation" that promises much fun and merriment.

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There will be no general meeting of the National Special Aid Society this week. The First Aid to the Injured classes will meet in the High School at 8:30 o'clock this afternoon. All desiring to take first aid lectures are requested to come and begin the new course which will be started at the same hour.

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Beginning March 2, a gymnasium class will be started at the Y. W. C. A. which will provide one lesson a week for eight weeks. This class will meet each Friday at 6:30 p. m. and is intended especially for those who feel that they cannot enroll for the entire term. The cost has been made very low, being only $1.

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There was an important meeting of the executive committee of the New Hanover Equal Suffrage Association yesterday morning at the Y. M. C. A. The members of this organization are not at all discouraged over the failure of the Roberts bill to pass the Legislature and believe that "truth crushed to earth will yet rise again." Regular meetings of the association will be held every second Tuesday.

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Dr. J. W. Tankersley, of the Tankersley-Harper Sanitarium, left Monday night for Durham, where he is attending the annual meeting of the Tri-State Medical Society. This society embraces in its membership physicians from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. During Dr. Tankersley's absence, Dr. G. H. Croom will have charge of the Sanitarium.

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A Martha Washington quilting party will be given by the Ladies' Auxiliary Society of Fifth Avenue Methodist church at the Boys' Brigade Friday evening. A turkey supper will be served from 6 to 10 o'clock. An entertainment for the children will be given from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock. There will be no charge for admission as erroneously announced previously but everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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SILVER TEA GIVEN BY LADIES AT WINTER PARK

The silver tea given at the home of Mrs. H. S. Meredith at Winter Park yesterday afternoon by the ladies of Wesley Memorial Methodist church was a most enjoyable affair and despite the rain there was a large attendance. Miss Ida Hankins, returned missionary from Korea, made a most interesting address in which she told of her experience in the foreign field. A solo by Mrs. E. G. Woody with Miss Lucile Page as accompanist was one of the features of the occasion. Refreshments were served.

LOCAL DOTS

—Among articles recent left at the Wilmington Public Library was a ladies' fur collar, which the librarian will be glad to return to the owner, if she will call.

—The following deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the register of deeds: James & James to Jos. M. Tulley, property on Pender avenue, for $100; Sol Sternberger and wife to J. W. Lennon and wife, porperty on the Castle Haynes road, for $100 and other considerations; Coy Hewlett and wife to Warren H. Payton and wife, property on Sixth street, for $100 and other considerations; J. A. Rivenbark and wife to L. W. Moore, property on Gibson avenue, for $200; A. W. Holladay and wife to George H. Rogers, property near Villa View, for $10 and other considerations.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Capt. W. G. Peace, of Raleigh, inspector-instructor of the North Carolina Coast Artillery, was in the city last night to attend the regular weekly drill of the Wilmington Light Infantry.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Hotel Wilmington last night were J. B. Journey, Raleigh; Edward Earle, Jr., Salisbury; J. P. Brown, Charlotte; Frank D. Perry, New Bern; B. W. Blackwall, Raleigh; J. R. Hutchinson, Jacksonville; Jas. L. Mogford and C. T. Thurman, Raleigh; C. A. Bray, Greensboro; C. W. Taylor and A. D. Brooks, New Bern.

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OPPOSED TO OYSTER TAX

Capt. E. D. Williams Forwards Petition With Names to Representative Grant and Senator Cranmer.

Capt. E. D. William, who is deeply interested in securing a repeal of the law requiring the payment of a small license tax for gathering oysters, has forwarded to Senator Cranmer and Representative Grant a petition to which have been affixed many names, asking that New Hanover be excepted from the provisions of the State law.

A copy of the petition together with a letter from Captain Williams follows:

"We, the undersigned citizens of New Hanover county, respectfully petition our representatives in the Legislature of North Carolina, to repeal or amend the oyster laws affecting the county of New Hanover, and all laws of the State of North Carolina that prohibit the catching of oysters in the county of New Hanover, as we believe that it is an infringement upon the rights of American citizenship, and an abridgement of the rights of citizenship under the Constitution, as it works a hardship on both classes, white and colored, who have been living on the shores for more than a century, and have been inhabitants on the coast not only during their lives, but their ancestors lived on them for more than a hundred years previous thereto.

"We earnestly appeal to our representatives in the Legislature to repeal all laws and clauses of laws affecting the catching of oysters in the county of New Hanover, as our citizens, both white and colored, are being haled before court for the violation of the law for plying an avocation that they have been engaged in all their lives."

"My Dear Sir:

"The above is a copy of the petition that I had signed and had sent to you with the signatures of the most prominent citizens in the city of Wilmington and New Hanover county and I beg to call your attention again that there must be something done for the poor and unfortunate white and colored people who are living along the sounds and byways of New Hanover county.

"People who are engaged in catching oysters and clams catch them to sell and I will say again, any law or provisions exempting from taxes persons who gather oysters or take fish for their personal or family use would be no good and give no relief to the people who make it a business; we want a law so they can be free to get and to sell to make a living, which they have been for hundreds of years following this business.

"Now I hope that you will see and get some law or have this oyster law stricken out so that the people will be at liberty without any taxation at all.

"With kindest regards, I remain

"Yours truly,

"CAPT. E. D. WILLIAMS."

FUNERAL OF MR. CASTEEN

Remains Arrived in the City Last Night From Rocky Mount

The funeral of Mr. Thomas B. Casteen, for many years a popular and efficient car inspector of the Atlantic Coast Line, will be held this morning at 10:30 o'clock from his late residence on the Castle Haynes road. The interment will be in Bellevue cemetery. Mr. Casteen died Monday night in the Atlantic Coast Line hospital at Rocky Mount after an illness of nearly a month.

GOLF TOURNEY TOMORROW

Mixed Foursome Will be Principal Event on Washington's Birthday. Unique Morning Match.

According to a long established custom, many members of the Cape Fear Country club will observe Washington's birthday by participating in a golf tournament. There are two events scheduled, the pay or play team event before noon and the mixed foursome medal play handicap for nine holes in the afternoon.

In the morning as soon after 9:30 as the players assemble, there will be a pay or play team event for the men of the club. This will be match play. The two lowest handicapped players will be made captains of the opposing teams and they will choose their players alternately from those present. Golf balls will be awarded.

The principal event of the day will be the mixed foursome medal play handicap for nine holes which will begin in the afternoon on the arrival of the 2:30 car.

This play will be for the trophy given by the club to the team making the lowest score. This is played for annually on Washington's birthday and must be won twice by the same couple before it passes into their permanent possession. This is the eighth year that it has been offered, it having been first played for in 1910.

The following couples have won it at the tournaments for the years indicated: 1910, Miss Alice Boatwright and Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr.; 1911, Miss Lucile Murchison and Mr. J. Wallace Carmichael; 1912, Mrs. Annie J. Northrop and Mr. C. E. Taylor; 1913, Mrs. J. V. Grainger and Mr. F. W. Dick; 1914, Miss Marguerite Walker and Mr. J. Holmes Davis; 1915, Mrs. F. W. Dick and Mr. J. Allen Stewart; 1916, Miss Fannie Grainger and Mr. W. A. French.

Federal Court Witnesses Examined.

The examination of witnesses in the case of the Fisheries Products Company against the steamship Edilio was continued yesterday in Federal Court before Judge H. G. Connor, six witnesses for the Products company completing their testimony before court adjourned. The hearing of the case will be continued today.

MUCH ENTHUSIASM IS SHOWN

The City Register of Voluntary Women Workers in Event of War Going on Rapidly and Successfully.

The city canvass under the auspices of the Wilmington chapter of the National Special Aid Society is making great strides and the ladies in charge are immensely encouraged. One hundred and ten blocks have been provided with canvassers and Sunset Park and Greenfield, Winter Park, Carolina Place and Carolina Heights are also being heard from. The ladies express the most intense patriotism and are willing to do something, if their services are needed.

The committee hopes very much to complete the work this week, and urgently request that the canvassers finish up the canvassing they are doing and turn in their reports. It would be extremely gratifying to the committee if the ladies who have reported so carefully could be thanked individually for their detailed reports, but that is impossible owing to the press of the work. However, the committee takes this opportunity to thank the ladies for their hearty co-operation and efficient assistance.

Many of the canvassers say it is difficult to find the ladies at home at the time that they are able to come and it would be a great convenience if those who wish to volunteer would write out answers to the following questions and leave them at home to be given the canvasser in their absence.

The questions are as follows:

In the case of urgent local need would you be willing to render some service in the town?

What services could you render efficiently?

What service would you like to learn to render?

Will you read the following list of services and say which of these you could perform?

Please give you name, your address, your telephone number. Have you a vehicle?

The services which women might need to render if called upon are as follows:

A: Agriculture—Gardening, farming, dairy, orchard and nursery, poultry raising.

B: Clerical service—bookkeeping, stenographer, messenger, agent.

C: Manufacturing and mechanical—baker, cooking, (a) diet cooking; sewing, (a) knitting, (b) mending, (c) cutting out garments, (d) tailoring, (e) upholstering; printer, munition making, painter, managers and superintendents, factory work.

D: Personal and domestic service—care of children, housework, laundry work, janitress, hotel keepers and managers, reader, letter-writing, instructions of blind, maimed, etc., making surgical dressings.

E: Nurse (trained), first aid, physician, pharmacist, teaching, engineer, lecturer, publicity work, (a) author, (b) journalist; dietitian, chiropodist, dentist, photographer, languages (translator).

F: Public service—postmistriss, mail carrier, patrol (police patrol).

Transportation—railroad personnel, (a) ticket agent, (b) conductor, (c) station master; motor-boat, (a) owner, (b) operator; motor-cycle, (a) owner, (b) operator; motor-car, (a) owner, (b) operator; horse, (a) owner, (b) driver; telegrapher, telephone operator:

H: Trade—clerk (stores, etc.).

Contribution—In the event of national need I will contribute: (a) home for convalescent hospital, (b) ambulance, (c) motor car, (d) driver for car, (e) funds.

If any lady was not at home when the canvasser called and would like to have her name enrolled in the register, she may still do by sending the information as outlined above. Address Publicity Committee of the National Special Aid Society, Box 247.

BEGIN SERVICES FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday Will Usher in the Season—Special Meetings in Many Churches in Wilmington.

Today is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the forty days of Lent, preceding the glad Easter season. Special services will be held in many churches in Wilmington today in observance of the holy day, particularly the Episcopal, Lutheran and Catholic churches.

The services for the day at St. James' Episcopal church will be Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m., evening prayer and address at 8 p. m. Special attention is called to the daily half hour service from 6 to 6:30 each afternoon during Lent. These services will consist of a short service of prayer and praise and a brief address, bearing on the practical needs of the Christian life. It is set for an hour which will make it possible for the business men and women of the city to attend; and it is earnestly hoped that the attendance may not be confined merely to the members of St. James' Parish, but that all who can find time for a brief period of worship and meditation may drop in. The rear seats in the church will be left vacant for those who may come in late and it is suggested that those who cannot spend the whole half hour come in fo rany portion of that period if only for a few minutes. Christian people of all communions are urged to lend their aid in making these services a real contrbution to the religious uplift and life of the city.

Services will be held at St. John's Episcopal church, today as follows: Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m., evening prayer at 5:30 p. m. During the Lenten season morning prayer will be held daily at 7:30 a. m. and evening prayer daily at 5:30 p. m. Services and confirmation lecture will be given each Thursday evening at 8 p. m.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated this morning at 10:30 o'clock at St. Paul's Episcopal church by Rev. A. W. Seabreese, of Maryland. Each afternoon this week including Saturday at 5 o'clock, Rev. John R. Matthews, of Barnesville, Ohio, will give Bible instruction at this church.

Mid-week Lenten service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran church tonight at 8 o'clock.

Sold in 2, 5, 10, 25 and 50 lb. cotton bags and in 1, 2 and 5 lb. cartons, packed at the refinery
Your coffee tastes better when sweetened with Franklin. There's
A Franklin Sugar for every use
Granulated, Dainty Lumps, Powdered, Confectioners, Brown

IN CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERS

Wilmington Chapter of American Red Cross Will Respond to Appeal From National Headquarters.

Three days of next week will be devoted to a membership campaign by the Wilmington branch of the American Red Cross Society, in accordance with instructions from headquarters at Washington on account of the present crisis in National affairs. The efforts will not be confined to Wilmington alone, but auxiliary chapters will be organized in the principal towns of the adjoining counties.

The call has come from Washington for the "undivided support of patriotic Americans everywhere." The American public has been called upon for an immediate enrollment of 1,000,000 members for the Red Cross, which is the one organization for relief work that is under governmental control. It is called upon to render assistance in National disasters such as famine and floods. The movement for the stamping out of tuberculosis is only one of the many forms of relief work undertaken by the society.

In the event of war, the Red Cross would get all instructions from the government and all other organizations undertaking relief work would co-operate with the Red Cross.

The interest stimulated by the present situation should result in a large increase in membership. It is desirable to include in this new enrollment many persons in the higher grades of membership. For the convenience of the public, a list of memberships with dues and the proportion of dues to be retained is given as follows:

Annual, $1; for National headquarters, 50c; for local chapter, 50c; applied on magazine, none.

Subscribing $2—For National headquarters, $1.50; for local chapter, 50c; applied on magazine, $1.00.

Contributing, $5—For National headquarters, $3.00; for local chapter, $2.00; applied on magazine, $1.00.

Sustaining, $10—For National headquarters, $7.00; for local chapter, $3.00; applied on magazine, $1.00.

Life, $25—For National headquarters, $25; for local chapter, none; applied on magazine, none.

Patron, $100—For National headquarters, $100; for local chapter, none; applied on magazine, none.

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Is Making New Friends and Customers for This Store Every Day.
Try a Chocolate Milk made The "Mission Way." There's a Difference.
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The Store That Sells Wooltex
Brenlin
UNFILLED Window Shades
Come in and let us show you why these are the most beautiful and economical shades you can buy.
A. D. BROWN

MEN'S FURNISHINGS
Before Buying Your Spring Suit See Our Full Line of Spring Samples and Let Us Have Your Suit Made-to-Measure. Prices $15.00 and Up.
New lot of Men's Pants, in all sizes, at Reasonable Prices.
All-wool Serge Pants, from $2.39 to $4.98
Men's Work Pants . . . $1.50
Overalls, in all sizes . . . $1.25
Peter Hill Pajamas . . . $1.50
Just received, a full line of B. V. D. Athletic Underwear $1.00 Suit
Men's Fleece Lined Underwear, ... $1.00 a Suit
We have a large stock of Men's Dress Shirts from 75c to $1.50
All-wool Army Shirts, from $1.50 to $2.50
J. W. H. FUCHS
Phone 272 :: :: :: Store No. 28-30

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton last night were W. O. West, Fayetteville; H. W. Garrett, Charlotte; S. Mitchell, Newberlin; A. B. Babcock, Garland; Capt. J. F. Bussells, Southport.

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Thursday, February 22nd
Being a Holiday, This Bank Will Transact No Business On That Day.
The Murchison National Bank

FINDS PAID-FOR SPACE VALUABLE IN NEW YORK

Advertising Tried Out Successfully in a New Field

How the Metropolis Received the German Crisis—Poetry and Prose of War Nursing—Stage Nurses and Love Affairs.

New York, Feb. 20.—A famous preacher, who is so famous that he seldom faces empty pews, once told me that he would give worlds to be able to speak once a week to as large and varied an audience as a newspaper editor addresses every ay. Without knowing it he touched upon the fundamental value of the newspaper in reaching the public consciousness through advertising. Within the past few years New York City has seen this preacher's thought take hold of social service organizations, propagandists, churches, political committees and war relief organizations.

These relatively new users of space are spending thousands of dollars for the purchase of advertising in which they can reach the largest possible number of their supporters in the shortest possible time, and at the least possible expenditure of money and effort. For example, one of the most interesting advertising campaigns this city has ever seen was that of the Red Cross last summer, in its successful effort to enroll 100,000 members in the metropolitan district. War relief organizations have used large quantities of paid-for advertising space in touching the heart of the city with the appeal of suffering Europe. The Association for Improving Conditionc of the Poor recent conductea an elaborate educational advertising campaign on the work of organized charity. I have it from the general director of the association that the campaign succeeded in removing many of the public's misconceptions of the functions of a relief society.

Most of these efforts have been financed by special contributions, so that no criticism of the expenditure of relief funds for publicity is ever heard. The function of this umiquitous press agent, it seems, has changed from that of the space burglar who breaks in the newspaper columns with cleverly disguised propaganda, to that of a publicity advisor. In seeking an outlet for this organization's information he has become a specialized reporter and a publicity expert. He knows news from the newspaper standpoint, but he has learned a far more important lesson. He knows that for those facts which are not news there is no medium for reaching the public life paid-for advertising. The day of the tract and the propagandist pamphlet, which usually find a resting place in a yawning waste basket, is going out and the day of the propagandist "ad" is coming in.

New York received the first news of the break with Germany calmly, so far as street evidences were concerned. It is barely possible that the nearly zero weather had something to do with this outward appearance of lethargy. There is something about five degrees above zero and a sixty-mile north-west gale that discourages street arguments. Small solemn firoups stood in the biting blasts of the coldest day of the year and watched the bulletin boards with intense interest. Flags appeared from house tops and office windows, and the stock market had a spasm. All of the tactical details of a war with Germany were gone over thousands of times in the cummters brains: The country was invaded by armies of several millions, brought over here in Zeppelins and submarines. We sent several armies of millions of men to surround Berlin and put at end to the war. Theodore Roosevelt was elected king and President Wilson was given enough haloes to provide the children of Washington with hoops for the next quarter of a century. Fortunate it is for the country that most of the dreadful (or pleasant) things happened on the 7:46 from Scarsdale, the 8:02 from Morristown and various other hyphenated suburban trains. There was, though, something inspiring in the stiff set jaws and the serious countenances that accomplished the hurried scanning of the headlines in the afternoon extras. One could not help comparing, however, the reception of the present war crisis with what would probably have been its reception three years ago before we had been accustomed to the fearful details of the European conflict. It seems as though we have become so accustomed to the war thought that it fails to startle us very much, even when we must apply it to our own affairs.

The possibility of war lends new significance to the hospital and nursing service of the country. There is a great deal of popular misconception of the functions of the war nurse. She is usually pictured as a very attractive blonde person, holding the head of a wounded soldier in a trench or out in the open battlefield with shells bursting about her, while she is administering comfort to the dying man with utmost calmness and abandon. We have it from Colonel Kean, director of military relief of the Red Cross, that this is the poster poet's conception of a very prosaic fact. The prose of it is that there are no blonde, head-holding nurses at the front, nor anywhere near it. War is hell, and the battle front is the most hellish part of it. And it is not chivalry that causes the army to keep its nurses back of the battle front. Present day war is even more serious than it used to be. There is no time for head-holding when there is fighting to be done. It would clog the machinery too much. The wounded soldier is mighty lucky if he is pulled out of a shell crated by a sanitary corps soldier, bundled on a stretcher and hustled into a flivver ambulance and jolted back to the field hospital. From the field hospital he is jerked back five or six miles—provided he is found to be worth saving—to the evacuation hospital, where, if he is lucky, he may receive the attention of a nurse. From the evacuation hospital he is taken by train fifty or one hundred miles to a base hospital, where, for the first time, he finds that greatest of all surgical appliances—a comfortable bed. Here also he finds that greatest of all comforts—a nurse. Let us have all the poetry we can possibly extract from the grim harshness of modern warfare, but let us distinguish between poetry and fact.

Why, or why, must stage and "movie" nurses always fall in love with either the doctor or the patient? If real life provided as many hospital love affairs as we are led by the stage to believe come out of a hospital ward, there would be few Red Cross nurses or any other kind outside of their own home nurseries. The facts are, however, that the hospital nurse is no more susceptible to the attractions of the handsome interne than any other woman. It is just as possible for a woman to spend three years in a hospital without marrying one of the internes—with several hundred feet of mushy love scene—as it is for a stenographer to spend three years in an office without eloping with the boss. This is one of the facts that Ella Phillips Crandall, secretary for the National organization for public health nursing, hopes to impress upon the public consciousness. The organization is starting a nation-wide campaign of education to show intelligent young women of the country that nursing offers an attractive field for a well educated woman who has a mission. Miss Crandall refuses to believe that love affairs, with more or less handsome, or more or less fresh, internes, are a necessary part of the attractiveness of the nursing profession.

Goodness! We in New York are not only becoming excitable, but we are also becoming modest! (Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia papers please copy). Be it recorded that thousands of rescues were made in the waters about New York last year that never got into the newspapers. Heavens know what the long suffering newspapers would have done if they had. Special weekly rescue editions would have been necessary—illustrated of course.

Commodore Charles E. Raynor of the United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps vouches for the truth of this. In his annual report he regretted it on the ground that it handicaps the task of compiling accurate statistics on the department's work.

"There are thousands of rescues by our 3,000 members every year that we never hear of," he said. "Our young men think so little of saving a life that they refuse to go to the bother of making a report about it. In some of our stations not five per cent of the actual rescues are reported. Only where they have risked their own lives and have been nearly killed themselves will they consider it of enough importance to make a report."

Commodore Raynor's report listed 330 rescues from drowning last year, with 5,016 cases where first aid was given.

LONGACRE.

STOMACH Ailments The Nation's Curse

There is no ailment causing more woe and misery than Stomach Trouble. Often Gall Stones, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, Constipation, Acute Indigestion, Auto-Intoxication, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis and other serious and fatal ailments result from it. Thousands of Stomach Sufferers owe their complete recovery to Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. It is unlike any other remedy. It sweeps the poisonous bile and catarrhal secretions from the system. Soothes and allays Chronic Inflammation. Many declare it has saved their lives, and prevented serious surgical operations. Try one dose today. Watch its marvelous results. Contains no alcohol—no habit-forming drugs. Book on Stomach Ailments FREE. Address Geo. H. Mayr, Mfg. Chemist, Chicago. Better yet—obtain a bottle of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy from Robt. Bellamy or any reliable druggist, who will refund your money if it fails.

OUCH! PAIN, PAIN RUB RHEUMATIC, ACHING JOINTS

Rub Pain Right Out With Small Trial Bottle of Old, Penetrating "St. Jacob's Oil."

Rheumatism is "pain only." Not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Stop drugging. Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacob's Oil" right into your sore, stiff, aching joints and muscles, and relief comes instantly. "St. Jacob's Oil" is a harmless rheumatism cure which never disappoints and can not burn the skin.

Limber up! Quit complaining! Get a small trial bottle of old, honest "St. Jacob's Oil" at any drug store, and in just a moment you'll be free from rheumatic pain, soreness, stiffness and swelling. Don't suffer! Relief awaits you. "St. Jacob's Oil" has cured millions of rheumatism sufferers in the last half century, and is just as good for sciatica, neuralgia, lumbago, backache, sprains.

FINAL APPROVAL IS GIVEN TO NAVAL BILL

Numerous Changes in Measure Are Made by Senate Committee.

Total is Raised to About $500,000,000. Authorizes Commandeering Shipbuilding and Munitions Plants in Time of War.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Final approval of the naval appropriation bill was voted today by the Senate naval committee, with the total raised to about a half billion dollars by adding $128,000,000 to the measure as it passed the House. Appropriations are carried for the coming year's share of the great three-year building program, and there are various special provisions, including authorization for the commandeering of private ship building and munitions plants in time of National peril.

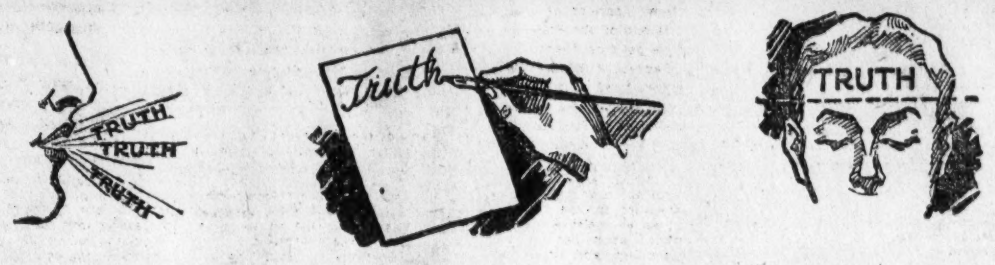
The emergency construction appropriation of $150,000,000 recommended by the Senate sub-committee was reduced to $115,000,000, with a specific direction that $35,000,000 of this be expended for submarines. An amendment by Senator Poindexter was adopted directing that 40 of the additional submersibles should be coast vessels and ten fleet submarines half of each type to be built on the Pacific coast.

The committee also added to the House program three coast guard cutters to cost $1,350,000; $772,000 for extension of the Washington navy yard, and $750,000 for a dry dock at Charleston, S. C.

Provision is made for increasing the class at the Naval Academy by 614 members providing for appointment of four instead of three midshipmen by each senator and representative, for 100 from enlisted men instead of 25, and for four from the Philippines. The term at the naval academy would be reduced from four to three years for a period of five years.

Other important increases approved include $400,000 for a high power radio station in Porto Rico; $600,000 for ammunition for such auxiliaries; $3,000,000 for reserve material for the navy, and $1,950,000 for engineering purposes, including radio installation on light vessels.

A Southerner Says It— It's True



He Speaks It— Writes It— and Thinks It—

It seems somehow that the love of truth is inborn—in every Southerner and it sticks right close to him for all his days—just like a life-long friend.

That's why, friends, when I hear people praising me all over the South—saying "SOVEREIGN is King of Them All",—well, it *is* true—that's all.

For example, I heard one gentleman say the other day:—"Here is the finest cigarette I ever smoked. I never buy any other. The finest product of Virginia and Carolina tobacco, in all its mildness, and sweetness and mellowness."

Yes—It's great to be a SOVEREIGN. It's fine to have real breeding back of you, to be brought up in a fine, white, healthy home,—and to hear so many nice things from so many friends down South here among you all. And the reason is just this—it's because—

You Folks of the South KNOW good blood!
You Folks of the South KNOW good tobacco!

No doubt of it all. Good breeding does count. Quality does tell. So, let's you and me be the real friends that we ought to be. And, here is something more for you to think about—

I am guaranteed by The American Tobacco Co. —Buy me. If you don't like me return me to your dealer and get your money back. I have said it. A Southern gentleman is known the world over for keeping his word, and I have given you mine.

Sovereign Cigarettes

FOR THE GENTLEMAN OF THE SOUTH

"King of Them All"

Paying for Street Paving.

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 20.—Several hundred local individuals have been assessed their respective parts of 54 per cent of $378,023.03 which it cost the city to pave 12 miles of streets. Complaints will be heard on March 2. Some persons will have to stand as much as $2,000 of the expense. The city will pay 46 per cent of the cost from the proceeds of 30-year improvement bonds. The individual property owners benefiting from the paving have 10 years in which to pay their shares.

N. C., DIES IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Feb. 20.—A. Jones Yorke, of Concord, N. C., died here last night after an operation. He was fifty years old and head of a large number of North Carolina concerns, including the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, at Concord.

HANK AND PETE — YOU CAN TELL THAT PETE'S AN AMATEUR AT GAMBLING — By KEN KLING

SAY PETE, I GOT A TIP THAT THAT SWELL LOOKIN' HUT ACROSS THE STREET IS A GAMBLING HOUSE. IF WE CAN BREAK IN AND CATCH THE BUNCH AT THE GAME WE'LL BOTH BE PROMOTED!
GREAT! HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO SHOW THE CAPTAIN THAT WE'RE ON THE JOB
NOW WE CAN'T DO A THING UNTIL WE CATCH 'EM WITH THE GOODS SO YOU GO IN AND TRY TO PLACE A BET, AN' JUST AS SOON AS THE HOUSE MAN TAKES THE MONEY, TELL 'EM THAT THE HOUSE IS PINCHED AND BLOW YOUR WHISTLE FOR ME!!
GEE THATS A CINCH!!
COSH THIS SCHEME OUGHT TO WORK OUT TO PERFECTION. THEY'LL NEVER THINK PETE'S A DETECTIVE AND WHEN HE SPRINGS IT ON THEM IT'LL TAKE 'EM SO BY SURPRISE THAT THEY WONT EVEN BE ABLE TO - - - - - - - -
THIS PLACE AINT A 'JITNEY' EXCHANGE- WE DON'T TAKE TEN CENT BETS!!
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THEATRICAL

Much interest is being manifested in the appearance in motion pictures at the Victoria next Friday of that noted actor, Robert Edeson, who appeared here in "His Brother's Keeper," who has acted the leading role in Rudyard Kipling's great novel, "The Light That Failed," and which will be presented at the Victoria at the ridiculously low admission price of ten cents, in order that everyone may see this wonderful screen version of one of the world's masterpieces of literature.

Some of the many remarkable scenes of the picture, show a long line of camels outlined against the desert sky. Hundreds of "extras", British soldiers, tribesmen, etc., were used. These scenes and those of Dick's luxurious studio lend atmosphere to the powerful story.

It will hold your attention from the beginning to the end, when, cursed with his blindness and with a deep ache in his heart, Dick Heldar again hears the call of the East. Torpenhow follows the trail of the "mad Englishman" as he is called among the natives, for hundreds of miles across the desert and reaches him as a horde of Dervishes is about to attack him. In the skirmish Dick is mortally wounded. Clenched in his hand, Torpenhow finds the verse of his childhood dream of happiness with Mazie:

"And we shall be so happy
That if either's lips were dumb
They wouldn't smile in Heaven
Till the other's lips had come."

You mustn't miss "The Light That Failed."

New Bill at the Royal.

Merrie Streeter's original musical comedy play, "Ship Ahoy", a nautical travesty with laughs in every move, is the new bill to be presented by Streeter's Musical Comedy Company at the Royal for two days beginning this afternoon, matinee. Seen in the leading role will be the inimitable Merrie Streeter, supported by all the other members of the company, including Tommy Wilson as "Count Knockabout," and Carl Weallnlr as "Fritz Anhauser Slitz."

"Ship Ahoy" is a nautical comedy and the scenes are all on board an ocean liner. For this purpose Mr. Streeter carries one of the most elaborate special sets of scenery seen in Wilmington at any time with a popular priced attraction, one that enables them to put over this comedy play with a realism that will fascinate and surprise every one.

The costumes for this number are unique to say the least, and will be all different and some of the most elaborate among them that has been seen during the season.

Among the big musical acts will be "I Love a Piano," "Sally in Our Alley," "My Dear Bassoon," "It's Midnight," and many others. The big specialty acts will all have new and novel acts for today.

Today's pictures are a mammoth Paramount scream, "A Troublesome Trip" and a great Paramount-Bray cartoon comedy, "Farmer Alfalfa's Revenge."

Crowds Expected at Bijou.

The Bijou is due to be crowded today—this is told right at the beginning so that you may make your plans accordingly and come early as possible.

The headliner attraction which will draw the multitudes Bijou-ward today is the 12th great chapter of "A Lass of the Lumberlands," the greatest two reels of thrills that you have yet seen in this great serial achievement. Helen Holmes, the original fearless film girl, in the 12th chapter gets down to brass tacks, the gigantic task that confronts her in downing the mighty trust combination that is working against her and the vast property that rightfully belongs to her. There are only three more chapters of this great serial after today, and there are many things to be done to straighrten out and right the many wrongs that "Dollar" Holmes has been responsible for. So you may confidently look for thrills and punches galore in each chapter beginning with the 12th today.

"The Forbidden Game" is a mammoth two-reel Imp Universal dramatic feature that is also on today's bill, starring a great cast of Universal favorites headed by Edward Hearn.

"The Island of Desire."

Jungle hurricanes, volcanic eruptions and terrific earthquakes combine with splendid acting and gripping story to make William Fox's new George Walsh play, "The Island of Desire," the most thrilling motion picture ever produced. The camera has been turned on a field which is rich in possibilities, yet has not been touched, and the result is a photo-drama which displays the best of cinema art.

Colorful, gripping, filled with thrilling interest and exciting romance and adventure, "The Island of Desire" is destined to be the biggest motion picture sensation of the year, featuring that strong and dominant dramatic personality, George Walsh, as co-star with a great Fox cast including Margaret Gibson, famous in the film world for her beauty (she is a blonde among blondes) and for that other quality that rarely accompanies pulchritude—courage. Both beauty and courage are shown to full advantage in this great feature. In this hurly-burly of love and adventure, it is needless to say she plays the captivating heroine.

Battling with the forces of nature and with unscrupulous persons who seek to deprive her of her heritage, a shipwrecked girl, with a man, on an uninhabited island in the South Seas is saved through the bravery of one man. It is a drama of big moments crowding over each other for a whole five-reel length, and it is today's great offering at the Grand at regular admission prices.

Co-Starring with George Walsh in the Spectacular Fox Drama, 'The Island of Desire" at the Grand Today.

Too Much Work; Too Little Play

Start the Liver and Bowels With a Wineglassful of Tollo Water—Feel Fine in Thirty Minutes.

When drugs have failed, Tollo Water from Dawson Springs, Kentucky, gives quick relief from constipation, biliousness, and stomach trouble. It brings about natural action of the liver and bowels, cleans out the clogged bile ducts and removes all the poisonous waste matter from the system.

Get a 15-cent bottle from your druggist and take a wineglassful in a glass of plain water before breakfast. In thirty minutes it will clean out the bile tubes, stimulate the flow of the bile, which is Nature's only laxative, and wash out the sour bile and fermenting waste from the bowels and stomach. You will at once have a clear head and a feeling of energy and ambition that will surprise and delight you.

Sold by D. A. Elvington and other druggists.

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FISH AND OYSTERS NEVER SO SCARCE AND HIGH IN EASTERN CAROLINA—SCALLOPS $3 A GALLON AT MOREHEAD.

(Special Star Corresjondence).

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 20.—Never before, so far as is known, have fish and oysters been as scarce in Eastern North Carolina as has been the case during the past three weeks and, in consequence, prices have soared to abnormal heights.

Saturday scallops sold for three dollars a gallon, wholesale, at Morehead City, while they were quoted in New York at $4.50 and only a few months ago they could be purchased for 40 cents per gallon.

Roe shad are today retailing at $4.00 per pair on the local market and there are only a few of them to be had at that price. The New York markets are selling them at $5.00 a pair.

Speckled trout are wholesaling at $17.50 at Beaufort and the price is destined to go higher during the course of the next few days. A few oysters are in port today but the cold weather of the past month has caused the quality of these to become very poor and they are not at all satisfactory.

EVENTS AT ELON COLLEGE.

Peace Contest This Evening; Annual Celebration Tomorrow.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Elon College, N. C., Feb. 20.—On Wednesday evening the Peace Contest will be held to be participated in by five orators, from which contest the one who will represent Elon in the State contest to be held some time soon will be selected. The orators for the occasion are W. C. King, Seagrove, N. C.; H. T. Floyd, Roanoke, Ala.; W. O. Motley, Burlington, N. C.; H. Babcock, Appomattox, Va.; and J. L. Crumpton, Roxboro, N. C.

On Thursday evening following the celebration of the national holiday commemorating the birth of the father of our country, the Clio Literary Society will present its annual public celebration.

GOING TO ALASKA SOON.

Capt. Cantwell, of Coast Guard Cutter Pamlico, is Transferred.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 20.—Of interest to coast guard cutter circles will be the announcement made today that Capt. J. C. Cantwell, commander of the coast guard cutter Pamlico, which is located at this port, has been transferred to Alaska and will leave for his new post on March 15th.

Captain Cantwell has on several occasions during the long while that he has been connected with the revenue cutter service, been located in Alaska and is thoroughly familiar with the conditions there. He has made many friends since coming to New Bern and it is with regret that these learn of his transfer.

U-Boat Campaign Ineffective.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 19. — Lord Marmaduke Furness, Earl of Grantley, head of the Furness-Withy Line of steamers, on an inspection trip of the Baltimore shipping terminals today declared that Germany's new submarine policy is having no more effect upon English shipping than her old policy had.

AMERICAN AND GERMAN LABOR LEADERS EXCHANGE CABLEGRAMS

German Labor for Peace, But Impossible Under Present Conditions.

London, Feb. 19,—The Vorwoerts (Berlin), says a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, publishes the cablegram of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to President Legien, of the German Federation of Trades Unions, and the reply of President Legien in behalf of the German workmen.

Mr. Gompers cabled: "Can you bring influence to bear on your government so that a breach with the United States may be avoided?"

President Legien replied: "Since the war broke out the German laboring classes have worked for peace, and they are against every extension of the war. The refusal of the enemy to consider the sincere German peace offer, the continuation of the dreadful war of starvation directed against our women and children and old people, and the open confession of our enemies that their war aim is the annihilation of Germany—all that has caused a sharpened submarine war. Influence on our side on the government is only possible if America can persuade England to give up her war of starvation."

ONE OUT OF 13 FAILED

University Law Class Made Good Showing Before Supreme Court

(Special Star Correspondence).

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 20.—Thirteen Carolina men took the recent State law examination and out of that number all passed but one; this one had taken only a part of the law course here. In the entire list only 68 per cent of the applicants passed. The Carolina men who took the examination are: William Graves, K. Nixon, G. Dixon, W. F. Brinkley, R. L. Brinkley, H. Winslow, W. L. Thorpe, A. L. Ramsay, J. R. Denton, J. F. Hackley, H. H. Crawford, Thomas Ruffin and I. R. Williams.

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(State Board of Health.)

The attention of the State Board of Health has recently been called to the work of agents in different towns of the State representing what is called the Children's National Tuberculosis Society of 35 South Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill. It seems that two women in the employment of this society are working the State for the purpose of soliciting funds for this apparently worthy cause. They go from town to town and house to house presenting their plea and soliciting contributions in behalf of this society. For one dollar they issue a membership certificate which entitles "the holder to all books, papers and articles published by this society for one year from date."

Fortunate for the victims of these agents, inquiry has been made of the States of the World, made by Dr. Dabof this institution to learn that while there has been such a society, it is now in bad repute and has at no time had the approval of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

This society, according to the bulletin of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, has recently been under investigation by a special committee of the Illinois legislature. As a result of this investigation, the state of Illinois has brought proceedings against Secretary Burmaster, and the society for the annulment of its charter. It is expected that the charter will probably be annulled.

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SOUTHERN NOT TO ISSUE IMPROVEMENT BONDS NOW

This Decision Reached Because of Condition of Investment Market

New York, Feb. 20.—Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway Company, announced after a directors' meeting here today that it had been decided not to create at once the proposed refunding and improvement mortgage or the plan for the exchange for the development and general mortgage four per cent. bonds which has been under consideration. The directors concluded, Mr. Harrison stated, that in the present condition of the investment market, "long term bonds cannot be sold on terms sufficiently advantageous to the company to justify the assumption at the present time of the additional fixed charge contemplate by the plan."

The deposited bonds will be released on request, it was announced, and no further deposits will be accepted. A short term loan has been arranged to renew the maturing notes and to provide additional capital to carry on plans for the enlargement of the road's business, it was stated.

Cubs Off to Train.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—The Chicago Nationals, the first of the major league clubs to get away for the spring training camps, left here tonight for Pasadena, Cal. There were eighty persons, including 27 players, in the party. Practice will be started Monday.

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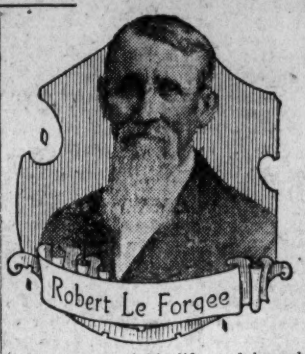
Mr. Robert LeForgee, 918 Kirkwood Boulevard, Davenport, Iowa, says he has always had a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in the house for the past eighteen years, and that by using it occasionally as the need arises, and in this way keeping his health good



it has prolonged his life, and brought ease and comfort.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is sold by druggists everywhere, and costs only fifty cents a bottle. To avoid imitations and ineffective substitutes be sure to get Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. See that a fac-simile of Dr. Caldwell's signature and his portrait appear on the yellow carton in which the bottle is packed. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 455 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON OFF 1 TO 7 POINTS

Reactions Under Realising Follow Slight Early Advance—May Closes at 16.32 and Spot at 16.30.

New York, Feb. 20.—A slight advance was followed by reactions under realizing and scattered liquidation of March contracts in the cotton market here today. May eased off from 16.44 to 16.22 but recovered part of the loss, closing at 16.32, with the general list closing steady at a net decline of 1 to 7 points.

First prices were unchanged to 3 points higher, and the active months soon sold about 5 to 10 points above last night's close. The advance to 16.22 for March and 16.49 for May, a gain of more than $3 per bale from the low level of Friday, seemed to attract realizing and the selling became a little more active following rumors that one of the American steamers in port here was being unloaded. March broke to 16.03 and July to 16.29, or about 10 to 14 points net lower on the more active positions. Prospects for clearing weather in the eastern belt also created some reactionary sentiment but a modification of the shipping rumor was followed by a steadier market on covering by early sellers, and a little local buying. Closing prices showed rallies of 10 or 12 points from the lowest.

General business was very quiet during the entire day.

	Open	High	Low	Close
March	16.23	16.34	16.03	16.13
May	16.44	16.44	16.22	16.32
July	16.40	16.49	16.29	16.42
October	15.97	16.08	15.88	15.92
December	16.08	16.15	16.04	16.03

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 16.30.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, holiday; receipts, 9,043; stock, 440,776.

Galveston—Middling, 16.50; receipts, 5,220; sales, 1,045; stock, 282,217.

Mobile—Middling, holiday; receipts, 267; stock, 13,897.

Savannah—Middling, 18½; receipts, 343; stock, 160,944.

Charleston — Nominal; receipts, 374; stock, 55,403.

Wilmington—Middling, 16½; receipts, 83; stock, 34,291.

Texas City—Stock, 32,851.

Norfolk—Middling, 16.50; receipts, 1,225; sales, 61; stock, 99,860.

Baltimore—Middling, 16¾; stock, 13,480.

Boston — Middling, 16.30; receipts, 326; exports, 5,628; stock, 15,884.

Philadelphia — Middling, 16.55; receipts, 86; stock, 2,191.

New York—Middling, 16.30; receipts, 35; exports, 2,717; sales, 200; stock, 149,429.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 1,590; exports, 1,590; stock, 8,826.

Total today—Receipts, 18,592; exports, 9,935; sales, 1,306; stock, 1,310,049.

Total for week—Receipts, 39,344; exports, 62,576.

Total for season—Receipts, 5,773,801; exports, 3,978,485.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 16.35; receipts, 2,633; shipments, 4,159; stock, 157,068.

Memphis — Middling, 17.00; receipts, 2,172; shipments, 4,658; sales, 1,500; stock, 349,938.

Augusta — Middling, 16.50; receipts, 125; shipments, 236; sales, 12; stock, 120,933.

St. Louis—Middling, 17.00; receipts, 19; shipments, 1,162; stock, 31,657.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 36; shipments, 166; stock, 22,733.

Little Rock — Middling, 16.38; receipts, 607; shipments, 100; sales, 190; stock, 36,966.

Total today — Receipts, 5,652; shipments, 10,571; sales, 1,702; stock, 719,295.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Feb. 20. — Cotton, spot, firm. Good middling, 11.22; middling, 11.12; low middling, 10.94.

Sales, 8,000 bales; 1,000 for speculation and export. Receipts, 6,000. Futures, barely steady. February, 10.66; February-March, 10.62; March-April, 10.59; April-May, 10.53; May-June, 10.48; June-July, 10.41; July-August, 10.34; August-September, 10.10; September-October, 9.78; October-November, 9.65; November-December, 9.55; December-January, 9.50; January-February, 9.46; February-March, 9.46.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Feb. 20. — Print cloths and other staples in cotton goods were steady today. Yarns were irregular. Men's wear was affected by government demands for uniform cloths. The export trade was hampered by unsettled shipping conditions.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 20. — Turpentine, quiet, 48½; sales, none; receipts, 36; shipments, none; stock, 14,275.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 617; receipts, 802. Shipments, none; stock, 32,176. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, 6.00; H, I, K, M, 6.20; N, 6.35; W G, 6.45; W W, 6.70.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Feb. 20. — Mercantile paper, 4@4¼; sterling sixty day bills, 4.72; commercial sixty day on banks, 4.72; commercial sixty day bills, 4.71¾; demand, 4.75⅝; cables, 4.76 7-16; bar silver, 78½; Mexican dollars, 60⅝; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular. Time loans, firm; sixty and ninety days, 3¾@4; six months, 4@4¼. Call money, steady; ruling rate, 2½.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Feb. 20. — Beeves—No trading.

Calves—Easier. Veals, 12.00@16.00; culls, 8.00@10.50; Indiana calves, 7.00@8.87½.

Sheep and Lambs—Steady. Ordinary sheep, ewes, 9.00@9.50; ordinary to prime lambs, 14.50@15.75; culls, 12.00.

Hogs—Steady. Prime hogs, 12.75; rough, 11.25.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Feb. 20. — Sugar—Raw, easy; centrifugal, 5.52; molasses, 4.65; refined, steady.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Firm.

Coffee—Spot, dull; Rio, No. 7, 10; Santos, No. 4, 10½.

WHEAT VALUES ARE HIGHER

Free Buying for Seaboard Shipment Does Good Deal to Cause Net Gain of ¾ to 4¼c.

Chicago, Feb. 20. — Free buying on the part of houses with seaboard connections did a good deal today to lift values in the wheat market. Prices closed nervous, ¾ to 4¼c. net higher, with May at 1.79⅞ to 1.70, and July at 1.52¼ to 1.52⅝. Corn finished unchanged to ¼c. up, oats gained ¼ to ⅝ and provisions finished at an advance of 25 to 32c.

Close:

Wheat—May, 1.79¼; July, 1.52⅛.

Corn—May, 1.02; July, 1.00½.

Oats—May, 57⅞; July, 55⅝.

Pork—May, 30.50; July, 30.00.

Lard—May, 17.30; July, 17.37.

Ribs—May, 16.25; July, 16.32.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.82; No. 3, red, 1.76@1.79½; No. 2, hard, 1.84½@1.86½; No. 3, hard, 1.80¾.

Corn—No. 3, yellow, 1.01¼; No. 4, yellow, 98@1.00¾; No. 4, white, 98½@99¼.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Chippewa, Maguire, New York, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,288 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 20.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nominal.

ROSIN—$5.50, $5.25.

TAR—$2.75-11c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.75, $3.75, $3.75.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal; rosin, nominal; tar, nominal; crude turpentine, nominal. $3.75, $2.75.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine .....(—)

Rosin .....(—)

Tar 24

Crude Turpentine .....(—)

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, (—) barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—16½c.; same day last year, 11½c.

Receipts—83 bales; same day last year, 56 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 77,391 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 147,013 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at Wilmington.

February 20, 1917.

Atlantic Coast Line—83 bales cotton.

Str. Thelma—24 barrels tar.

Total—83 bales cotton; 24 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Purchase price quoted by W. J. Meredith, Feb. 20.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 70c to $0c bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22 1-2c; first class wool, 20c. to 35c.; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 25c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c. to 50c.; spring, 20c. to 25c. head.

EGGS—Dull, 32c to 34c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Feb. 20.—North Carolina peanuts, new crop, farmers' stock, fancy hand-picked, $2.15; No. 1, machine, $2.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy hand-picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 20.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market strong, $1.52½ per bu.

Virginias, Farmers' stock—Market steady. Fancy Jumbo 4½c per lb.; Extra Prime, 4¼c per lb.; Prime, 4c per lb.; Shelling Stock, 3 to 3¾c per lb.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Feb. 20. — While nearby deliveries in cotton oil were held down early under selling by refiners, firmness developed all through the list later on short covering and local buying on the strength in lard. The close was 5 to 10 points higher. Tenders, 300 barrels. Sales, 19,100 barrels. Close, firm. Spot, prime summer yellow, 13.50; March, 12.51; May, 12.38; July, 12.36; August, 12.36; September, 12.29.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Feb. 20. — Hogs, strong; mostly 20c. above yesterday's average. Bulk, 12.45@12.60; light, 11.90@12.65; mixed, 12.25@12.75; heavy, 12.25@12.70; rough, 12.25@12.35; pigs, 9.40@10.85.

Cattle—Weak. Native beef cattle, 7.75@11.75; stockers, 6.15@9.00; cows and heifers, 5.10@10.15; calves, 9.25@13.25.

Sheep—Firm. Wethers, 10.85@12.15; ewes, 8.50@12.00; lambs, 12.40@14.75.

—Eva Higgins, white, was arrested last night by members of the police department on a warrant charging vagrancy and locked up at the police station for a hearing before the Recorder today.

STOCKS WERE MORE ACTIVE

Market Seemed Disposed to Shake Off Its Apathy—Rails and Shippings Alone Backward.

New York, Feb. 20.—The stock market today seemed disposed to shake off its apathy and timidity, stocks of almost all descriptions being taken with apparent freedom and confidence. Rails and shippings alone showed comparative backwardness.

Dealing were on a broader and larger scale than at any time within the last fortnight, but a very large proportion of the turnover resulted from further covering by an over-extended short interest. United States made an extreme gain of 2 3-8 points on steady accumulation, which comprised many large individual lots. Allied industrials were bettered by 1 to 2 points with six for Virginia Coal, Iron and Coke.

Coppers were much in demand, virtually every issue of that division gaining 1 to 3 points. Zinc issues and National Lead also reflected the higher prices prevailing for those products. War and semi-war shares, as represented by the oils, motors, Industrial Alcohol, leathers and sugars made variable but general gains, and utilities, notably Ohio Gas and Peoples Gas registered further recoveries from last week's losses. Aside from Atlantic Coast Line, which rose 3 points, advances in rails were mainly limited to coalers and minor issues. New Haven regained 2 1-4 points.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,755,000.

United States bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	26⅛
American Beet Sugar	89¼
American Can	44⅝
American Car and Foundry	65
American Cotton Oil	45
American Locomotive	73
American Smelting	101¾
American Sugar	113½
American Tel and Tel	125⅝
American Tobacco	208¾
American Zinc	38½
Anaconda Copper	79⅜
Atchison	103½
Atlantic Coast Line	114
Baldwin Locomotive	55⅛
Baltimore and Ohio	77
Bethlehem Steel and Rights	135
Canadian Pacific	154⅞
Central Leather	87⅞
Chesapeake and Ohio	59⅞
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	81½
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	27⅝
Colorado Fuel and Iron	48⅛
Consolidated Gas	124½
Corn Products	23¾
Crucible Steel	67⅛
Cuba Cane Sugar	43⅛
Erie	27⅛
General Electric	167
Great Northern, pfd	114
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	33½
Goodrich	57½
Illinois Central	101
Inspiration Copper	58⅝
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	72½
International Nickel	41⅞
International Paper	39¼
Kansas City Southern	22
Kennecott Copper	45⅜
Lehigh Valley	73⅛
Louisville and Nashville	127
Liggett and Meyers	260
Lorillard Co	200
Maxwell Motors	56½
Mexican Petroleum	90
National Lead	58¼
New York Central	95⅝
N. Y. N. H. and Hartford	41
Norfolk and Western	129½
Northern Pacific	104¼
Pennsylvania	54⅝
Ray Consolidated Copper	27⅝
Reading	92⅞
Rep. Iron and Steel	72¾
Seaboard Air Line	15
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	33¾
Sloss-Sheff Steel and Iron	62½
Studebaker Corp., ex. div	104½
Southern Pac	94½
Southern Railway	29
Southern Railway, pfd	63¾
Tennessee Copper	16
Texas Co	232
Union Pacific	138¾
United Fruit	141⅜
United States Rubber	55¼
United States Steel	103½
United States Steel, pfd	118¼
Utah Copper	111⅞
Virginia-Caro. Chem	42
Wabash, pfd., "B"	26¾
Western Union	94
Westinghouse Electric	51
Missouri Pac., W. I.	29½

MINISTER RITTER'S ACTION WAS ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE?

Was Not Directed to Re-Open German-American Negotiations?

Berlin, Feb. 19 (via Sayville, Feb. 20). —The Overseas News Agency quotes from the Frankfurter Zeitung the following communication which, according to that paper, was issued by the Swiss federal council:

"The action of Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister at Washington, in reference to the re-opening of negotiations between the North American and German governments was taken without instructions from the Swiss federal council or from the foreign department.

"Concerning the contents of communications between Berlin and Washington, which were merely transmitted by the federal authorities, obviously nothing can be said at this time."

The foregoing is the first official denial by the Swiss federal council that it directed Dr. Ritter to re-open negotiations between the United States and Germany after their rupture. Dr. Ritter in his memorandum to Secretary Lansing stated that "the Swiss government has been requested by the German government to say that the latter is willing to negotiate with the United States, provided the commercial blockade against England will not be broken thereby." What purported to be the German version of the proposal stated that Dr. Ritter made an offer to Germany to mediate in negotiations with the United States, and that Germany accepted the offer.

It has since been stated in news dispatches from Geneva that Dr. Ritter acted on his own initiative and without instructions from the Swiss government.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

February 21, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 58 degrees; at 8 P. M., 59 degrees; maximum, 71 degrees; minimum, 54 degrees; mean, 62 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .10 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.16 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 10.1 feet; rising.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair and cooler Wednesday; Thursday increasing cloudiness.

The Port Calendar, Feb. 21, 1917.

Sun rises .....6:50 A. M.
Sun sets .....5:01 P. M.
Day's length .....11 hrs. 11 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	9:31	9:46	4:27	4:54
Southport	7:21	7:44	1:11	1:43
Masonboro Inl	7:10	7:33	12:51	1:23

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

February 20, 1917.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.
Abilene	clear	70	44	.0
Asheville	clear	60	46	.48
Atlanta	clear	70	56	1.10
Augusta	clear	68	60	.34
Birmingh	clear	74	60	1.14
Baltimore	clear	44	—	.18
Boston	clear	40	24	.22
Charleston	cldy	72	56	.42
Charlotte	clear	68	54	.56
Chicago	clear	24	18	.0
Galveston	clear	74	58	.0
Jacksonv	clear	78	60	.30
Montgom'y	clear	76	66	.56
Mobile	clear	78	62	.26
Memphis	clear	68	46	.06
New Orl	clear	82	70	.08
New York	clear	42	30	.08
Oklahoma	clear	54	44	.0
Palestine	clear	74	52	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	40	40	.0
Raleigh	clear	66	52	.38
Savannah	clear	78	62	.24
Shreveport	clear	76	52	.0
St. Louis	clear	38	26	.0
Washing'n	clear	48	34	.28

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT FOR PENDER TO BE HELD MARCH 23.

Teachers Decide to Eliminate Exhibitions of Fancy Work, Etc.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Feb. 20.—The white teachers of Pender county held their last regular meeting of this school year in the Burgaw high school building Saturday and decided to have a county commencement here on March 23. This commencement will be different from the others that have been held here in that it will relate only to school work and will not include exhibitions of fancy work and things of that kind.

It is possible that there may be a county fair at the same time, and, if so, these other things can be exhibited there.

Leonard's moving picture show is giving exhibitions in the school auditorium this week.

The spring term of Superior court for the trial of civil causes only will convene here the first Monday in March, with Judge Bond presiding. The people of Pender will be glad to have Judge Bond here again.

UNIVERSITY JANITOR DEAD

Drinks Alcoholic Solution of Iodine in the Laboratory

(Special Star Correspondence).

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 20.—After drinking an alcoholic solution of iodine in the University chemical laboratory, Bruce Caldwell, negro janitor of the building, died last night from the poisoning effects. The drink produced blindness shortly after it was taken. It was asserted by many of the students that he was in the habit of drinking alcohol left over from the various experiments of the day, and as a result had been frequently found in a semi-intoxicated condition. Caldwell had been a janitor around the University for 15 years or more, and is known to many former students.

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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Feb. 5th, 1917. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:20 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Through Sleeping Car between Wilmington and Raleigh. Open to receive passengers, after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, Southbound until 7:00 A. M.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:45 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 63 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.
No. 57 7:00 P. M. Daily except Sunday	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate points.	No. 53 9:25 A. M. Daily except Sunday

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

T. C. WHITE, Passenger Traffic Manager.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter P'rk	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsv'le	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsv'le for Wilmington	Leave Winter P'rk for Wilmington
*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	.....	*6:15 A.M.	*6:26 A.M.
16:30 A.M.	16:30 A.M.	x16:30 A.M.	z17:05 A.M.	17:15 A.M.	17:26 A.M.
*6:50 A.M.	*6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	*7:20 A.M.	*7:31 A.M.
*8:00 A.M.	*8:00 A.M.	.....	*7:40 A.M.	*7:50 A.M.	*8:01 A.M.
*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	.....	*8:30 A.M.	*8:41 A.M.
18:30 A.M.	18:30 A.M.	x18:30 A.M.	z19:05 A.M.	19:15 A.M.	19:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	*9:15 A.M.	*9:25 A.M.	*9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	.....	110:20 A.M.	110:31 A.M.
11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	10:45 P.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
*1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	x*1:10 P.M.	12:18 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
01:55 P.M.	01:55 P.M.	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:55 P.M.	12:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	z*1:45 P.M.	*1:50 P.M.	*2:01 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	*2:25 P.M.	*2:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o3:00 P.M.	o3:11 P.M.
o4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o3:50 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
o4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o4:30 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o5:10 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	x6:40 P.M.	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	z7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS

Leave Front and Princess streets every half hour from 2 to 5 P. M.
Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 o 5:45 P. M.

*—Daily except Sunday.
!—Sundays only.
x—Does not run beyond Station No. 3.
z—Leaves from Station No. 3.
o—Superceded by half hour schedule Sunday afternoon.

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No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

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On sale June 2 to 7th, inclusive; limited returning midnight June 21st; limit extended to July 5th on payment 50c.

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On sale March 11, 12, 13; limited returning midnight March 21st.

WASHINGTON, D. C. $13.20
On sale March 1, 2, 3, 4, limited returning midnight March 10th; limit extended to April 10th on payment $1.00.

For further information, apply
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6:45 A.M. Lv. Goldsboro Ar. 9:25 P.M.
7:40 A.M. Ar. Selma Lv. 8:38 P.M.
8:53 A.M. Ar. Raleigh Lv. 7:25 P.M.

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GROVER ALEXANDER REFUSES TO SIGN UP FOR $10,000 YEAR.

George Whitted Also Has Declined to Sign Up With Phillies.

Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—Grover C. Alexander, star pitcher of the Philadelphia Nationals, today declined an offer of $10,000 a year from President Baker. He demanded $15,000 and declared that if his terms were not met he would quit baseball.

After a long conference with the pitcher today Alexander said:

"Unless Mr. Baker changes his mind there will be no agreement. Things stand the same as they did before the meeting and perhaps a little worse."

Announcement that every hold-out of the club except Alexander and George Whitted, outfielder, has signed a contract was made by Mr. Baker at the annual dinner of the Philadelphia Sporting Writers' Association tonight. He indicated in a speech that he still had hopes of a compromise with the star pitcher.

STATE-WIDE GOOD ROADS BONDS BILL BECOMES THE LAW

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authorities will actually do the inspection work.

New Bills in Senate.

New bills offered were:

Scales—Require railroads to record deed to rights of way.

Kelly—Prevent the use of glaring headlights on automobiles.

Two of Senator Allen's bills set as special orders for today were displaced on account of his absence. They were the bills to abolish capital punishment and establish indeterminate sentences.

The revenue bill came over from the House and was made a special order for Thursday.

Bills passed to authorize remodeling of the Brunswick court house and to provide State aid for road building.

The Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock Wednesday.

In the House the bill to provide for the removal of the State's prison headquarters from the Central prison, Raleigh, to the State Farm, came with unfavorable report. The plan was to vacate the Central building here and turn it over to the State Hospital for the Insane.

The House heard the special message of Governor Bickett, urging the passage of the bill pending for the modification of the crop lien law. This bill is under favorable report from the House Committee.

New Bills in House.

New bills were introduced as follows:

Taylor, of Edgecombe—Amend the law as to the use of the Edgecombe public roads; Aid in the collection of taxes in Edgecombe.

Clark, of Pitt—Empower the commissioners of counties to fix the salaries and fees of officers of the county.

Scott—Fix salaries of Pender county officers.

Daniel—Provide for locating the line between Greene and Wilson counties.

Hoyle—Make the Lee county commissioners also the highway commission.

Jackson—Provide for the construction of a highway from Kings Mountain to Paint Rock.

Dees—Authorize the aldermen of Goldsboro to employ a city manager.

Oliver—Amend the Robeson law as to maintenance of roads and bridges.

Griffin—Establish stock law in Chowan county.

Doughton — Authorize an issue of State bonds to retire an issue that matures in 1918.

Black—Extend the time of sheriffs to settle taxes and allow rebates to flood sufferers.

Roberts, of Rockingham — Divide the State into judicial districts.

McRary (by request)—Provide separate schools for Croatan Indians in Sampson county.

Ray, of Macon—Repeal the 1909 act relative to water powers.

Phillips—Provide inspection of bottling works where drinks are manufactured.

Law Examinations Bill Dead.

Speaker Murphy laid before the House the bill to create a board of examiners to examine applicants for law licenses and report those successful to the Supreme court for licenses to issue from the court.

Representative Doughton advocated the bill, as much needed relief for an overworked Supreme Court.

Representative Holding opposed the bill vigorously. He insisted that the proposed change could not increase efficiency.

Grant, of New Hanover, made inquiry as to whether there would be oral or written examinations and whether there would be as complete safeguards thrown about the examination as the Supreme Court assures.

Representative Gardner considered the bill a dangerous measure.

The vote was 42 for and 66 against the measure. There was motion to reconsider and to table that motion as a clincher for the session, but that failed to carry.

Representative Gardner procured the setting of his suffrage bill as a special order for Thursday.

School Board Bill Passed.

Bills passed final reading:

Enable the State Board of Education to protect itself in land sales.

The new school board bill passed without amendment. It provides that both parties in every county shall nominate members of the county school board in party primaries, and that the Legislature shall appoint its choice of the two primary nominees.

The House adjourned to 11 o'clock Wednesday.

THIS STOPS HAIR FROM FALLING OUT

Ever try to count the dead fallen hairs in your comb and brush? They are nature's advance warning of future baldness and proof that the dangerous little dandruff germ is busy on your scalp.

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MEDIATION BY THE UNITED STATES IS ASKED BY CUBANS

Mass Meeting at Santiago Resolves to Send Message to Wilson.

Santiago, Cuba, Feb. 20.—At a mass meeting held in the chamber of commerce today it was resolved to send the following cable dispatch to President Wilson:

"The military authorities ruling in Santiago have maintained order and guaranteed life and property and also endeavored to re-establish normal economic life. In order to accomplish this rapidly and without complete ruin, it is necessary, in the judgment of the commercial and producing classes, to have the diplomatic mediation of your government. With that object in view these people assembled unanimously solicit you, the good friend of Cuba, to interpose your good offices to obtain rapidly the desired end of present conditions. Immense losses, which seem sure to occur, can be avoided through your mediation."

MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF, AND CITY SEALER ARE ARRESTED

Gary, Ind., Officials Charged With Violating Election Laws.

Gary, Ind., Feb. 20.—R. O. Johnson, mayor; William Forbes, chief of police, and C. M. Renolett, city sealer were placed under arrest by United States marshals late today on the charge of violating the election laws. Howard Hay, holding a county position here, also was arrested. Each man gave a bond of $5,000. The arrests followed a Federal grand jury indictment at Indianapolis a few days ago.

Each of the four defendants professed ignorance of the charges against him and the mayor and chief of police declare politicians were responsible for their indictment. Hay is chairman and Renolett is secretary of the Gary city Republican committee and directed much of the political activities here during the presidential election.

URGES THE PRESIDENT TO PROCLAIM "CAR FAST" WEEK

Shippers and Travelers Would be Asked to Help Relieve Car Shortage

St. Louis, Feb. 20.—C. W. Nelson, a member of the car service committee of the American Railway Association, today sent a telegram to President Wilson urging him to proclaim a week for a "car fast."

During the week shippers will be asked to forego all shipments except perishable freight, and travelers would be asked to postpone all trips except those absolutely necessary.

The "fast week," Mr. Nelson claims, would give the railroad a chance to clear their terminals of loaded cars.

BRIGADIER GENERAL WM. CROZIER GOES TO HOSPITAL.

Baltimore, Feb. 20.—Brig. Gen. William Crozier, chief of ordnance of the United States army, entered Johns Hopkins hospital tonight and tomorrow will undergo a skin grafting operation for burns received 15 years ago when he underwent an operation in which the X-ray was used. The burns are on his abdomen.

BODY OF THE LATE GENERAL FUNSTON PLACED IN ALAMO

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maintained until the train reaches San Francisco.

The only touch which distinguished the funeral service from that of any army officer came just as the chaplain finished reading the burial service at General Funston's residence. Thirteen cannon boomed out the major-general's salute and the band of the Nineteenth infantry began playing softly "Lead Kindly Light."

At the Alamo perhaps the most touching incident of the funeral occurred when Brigadier-General Henry A. Greene, commander of the Twelfth provisional division at Camp Wilson, stepped apart from the group of officers with whom he had been standing and approached the casket where General Funston lay. He gazed intently at the face a few moments, then bent over, patted the dead commander's head gently, turned and walked out of the building.

PRESIDENT EXPRESSES HIS SYMPATHY TO MRS. FUNSTON

Washington, Feb. 20.—President Wilson wrote to Mrs. Frederick Funston today expressing his personal sympathy for her in the loss of her husband, and paying tribute to the gallantry and patriotism of the dead major-general. The letter follows:

"Mr. dear Mrs. Funston:

"May I not tell you with what genuine grief I have learned of the death of your distinguished husband? I feel confident that I am expressing the feeling of the whole country when I say that we have lost in him an officer of unusual gallantry, capacity and loyal devotion in the interests of the country. He has repeatedly in very recent months proved his ability to handle situations of unusual delicacy and difficulty with discretion and success.

"May I not express my warm personal sympathy for your in your irreparable loss?

"Cordially and sincerely yours,

"WOODROW WILSON."

PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR FUNERAL SERVICES SATURDAY

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 20.—Mayor Rolph today requested Major General Bell, commanding the Western department of the army, to permit the body of Major General Funston to lie in state for a day in the rotunda of San Francisco's new city hall. The body is due in San Francisco Friday. According to present plans the funeral will be Saturday. Burial will be in the National cemetery at the Presidio.

BODY WILL LIE IN STATE IN SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL

San Francisco, Feb. 20—The body of the late Major-General Frederick Funston will arrive here Friday at 3:55 o'clock p. m., according to information at army headquarters, and will be taken under escort to the city hall where it will lie in state until Saturday, when the funeral will be held. While at the city hall a guard of thirty soldiers and as many police will stand vigil over the casket.

MRS. E. H. FUNSTON WILL ATTEND HER SON'S FUNERAL

Emporia, Kas., Feb. 20.—General Funston's mother, Mrs. E. H. Funston, will leave here at 1 o'clock tomorrow morning for San Francisco, where she will attend the funeral of her son. She will be accompanied by her youngest son.

Mrs. Funston, whose home is in Iola, Kas., recently has been ill here at the home of a daughter, Mrs. F. A. Eckdall.

Will Make Southern Trip.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The Syracuse University baseball team will make a Southern trip to open its 1917 season. Ten games will be played, beginning April 4. The University of Virginia will be among the opponents.

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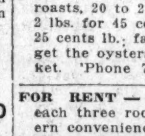

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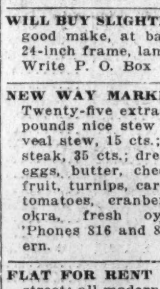

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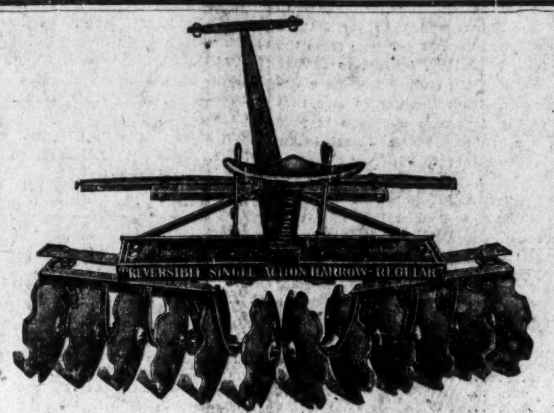

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